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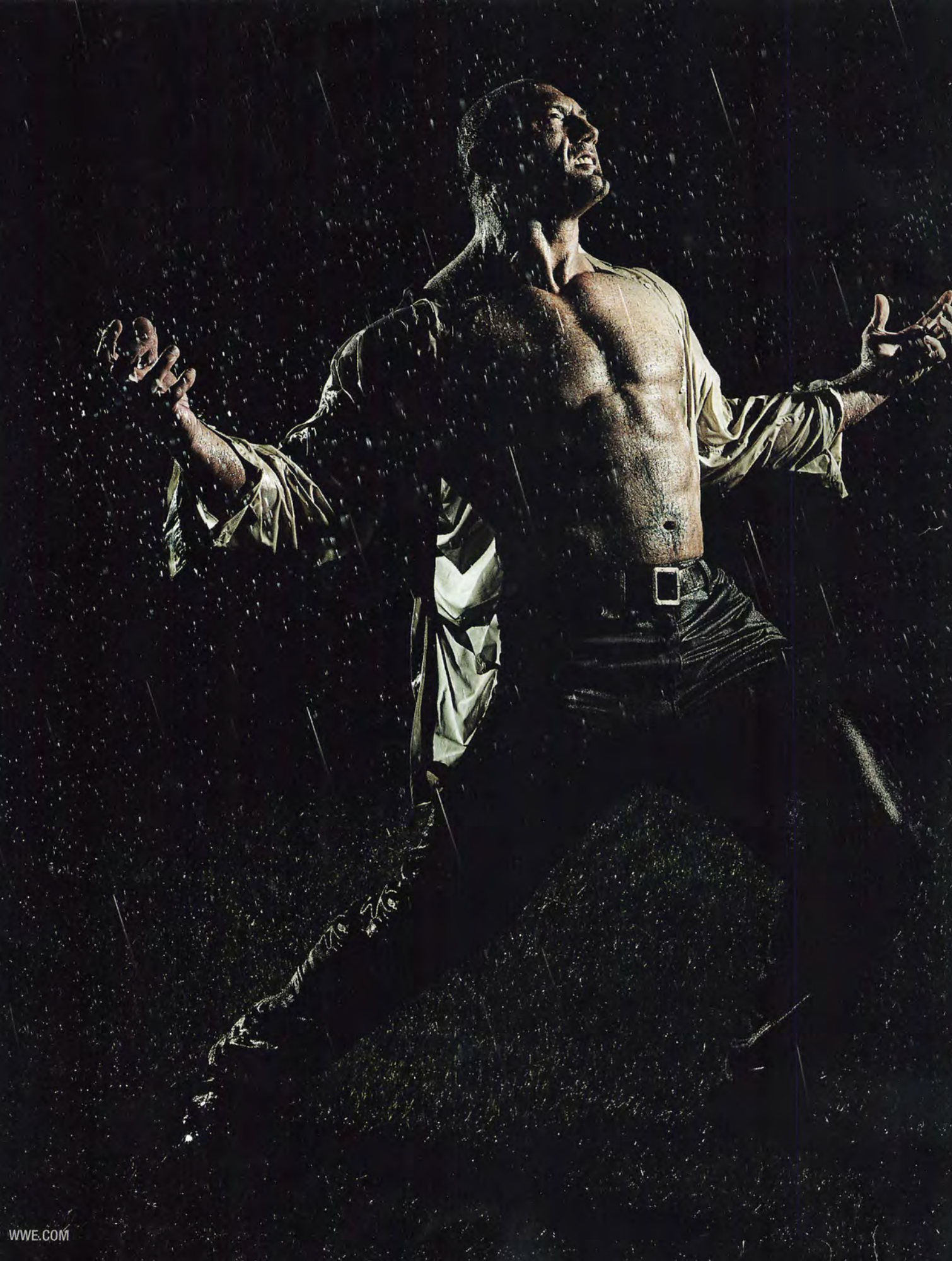


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Rob Bernstein,
Editor

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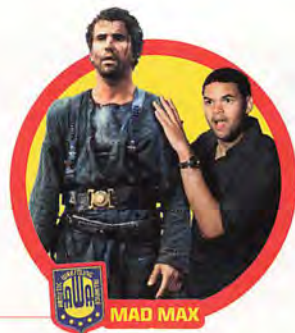
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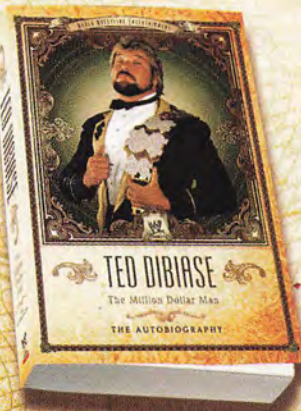
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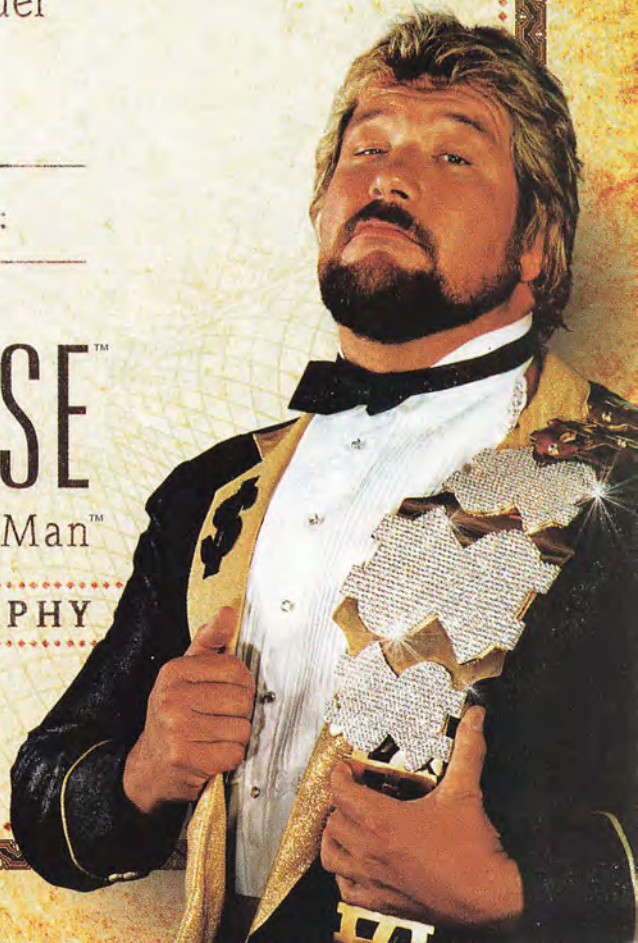
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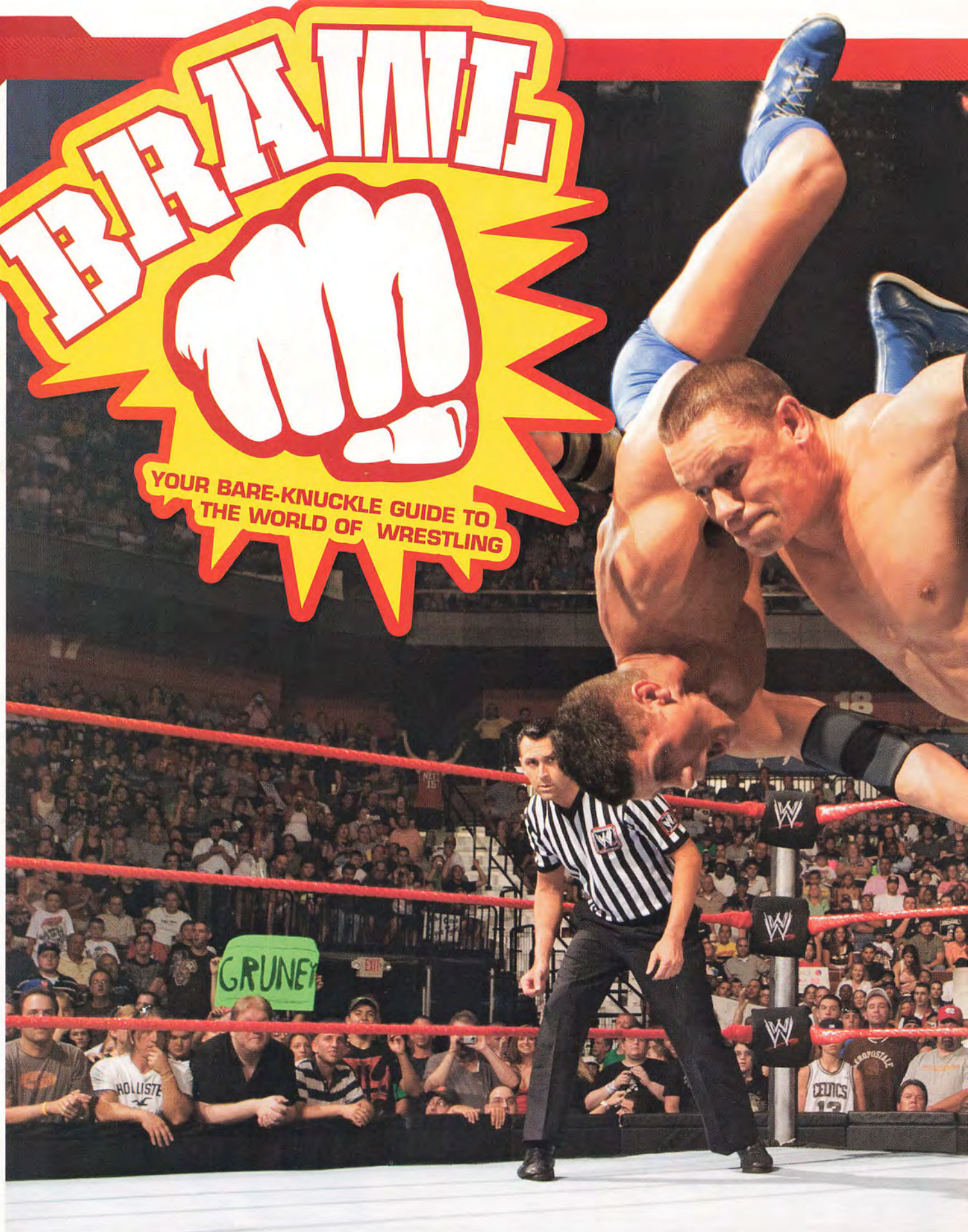
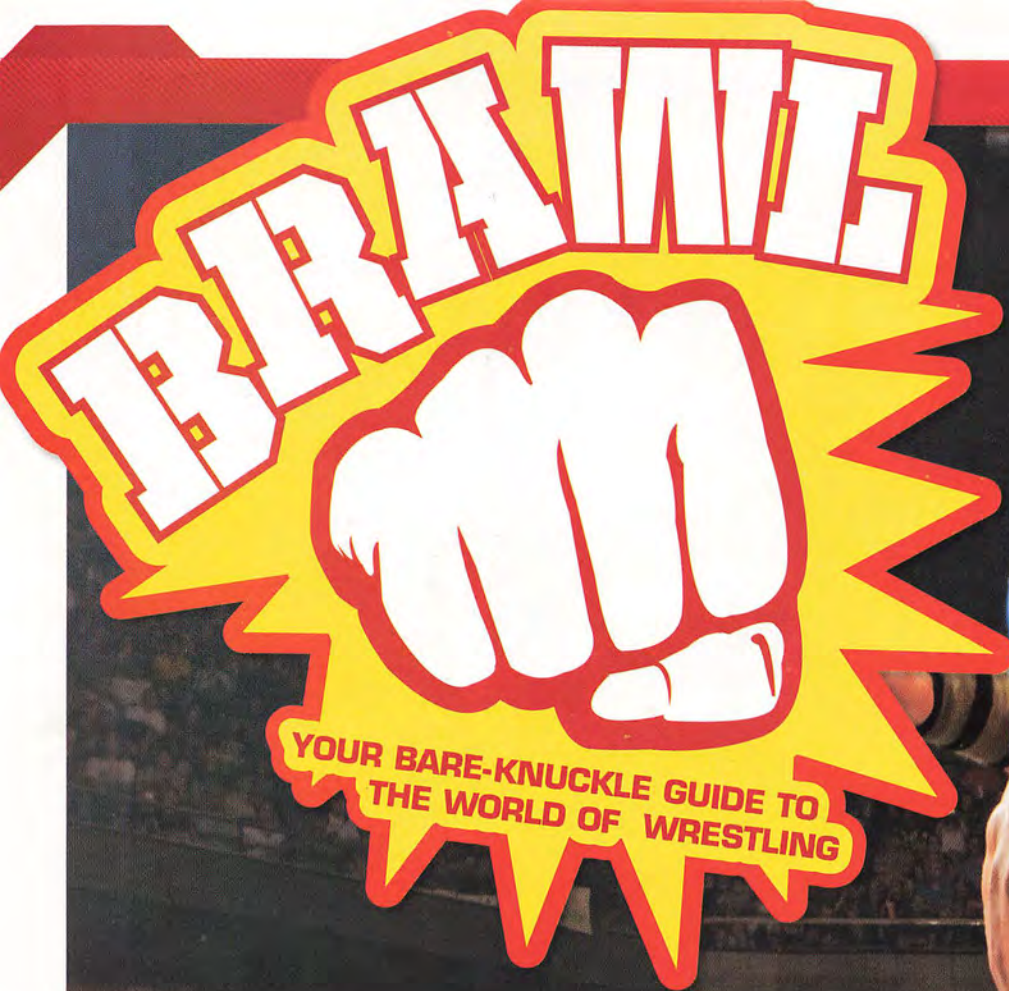
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Stats crunched harder than Vickie Guerrero's heart after learning of Edge's two-timing ways.

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"Once he locked in for the hip toss, I knew the pain was coming. **His right arm is stronger than my whole body put together.** When I saw his feet in the air, I thought he couldn't really be that strong, but as sure as hell, he is."
—CODY RHODES

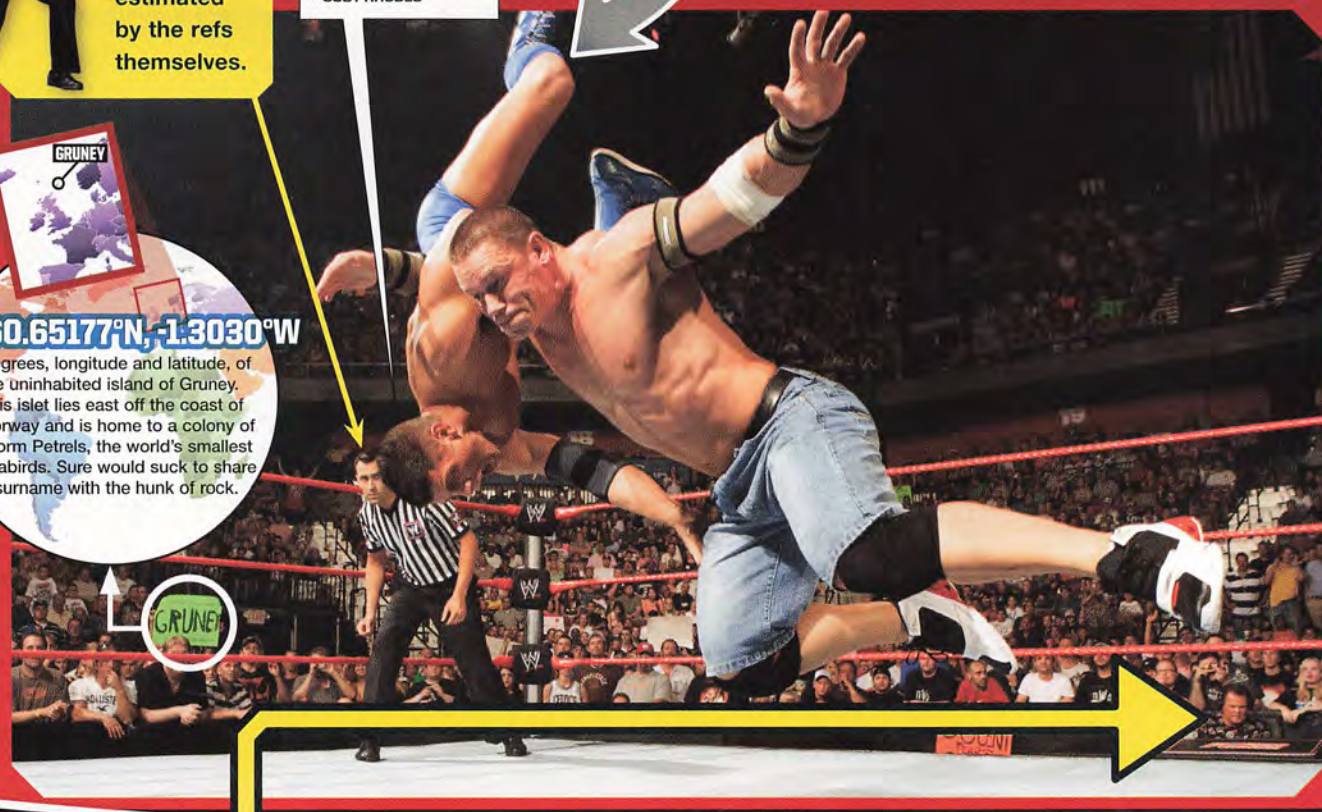
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Distance, in feet, of Russian-native Eugene Andreev's record free fall, which began at an altitude of 80,523 feet. Although the benchmark was set 46 years ago, the record has yet to be broken.



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Degrees, longitude and latitude, of the uninhabited island of Gruney. This islet lies east off the coast of Norway and is home to a colony of Storm Petrels, the world's smallest seabirds. Sure would suck to share a surname with the hunk of rock.



Years that Jerry "The King" Lawler has worked as a sports commentator. He began commentating for the Memphis wrestling circuit and later joined WWE's announce table in 1993. In his years of experience, only a few commentators have come close to matching his longevity. Meet the competition:



BRYANT GUMBEL
1972-PRESENT
After winning a loyal audience while commentating for NBC Sports, Gumbel scored his own gig: *Real Sports* with Bryant Gumbel.



JOHN MADDEN
1979-PRESENT
This "Tough-Actin' Tinactin" still has worked for NBC, CBS, and FOX, and was a mainstay on *Monday Night Football*. Boom!



BOB COSTAS
1980-PRESENT
Throughout his career, Costas has worked almost exclusively for NBC and ESPN, and is currently the host of *On the Record* with Bob Costas.



TIM MCCARVER
1982-PRESENT
Began commentating as NBC's "Game of the Week" baseball analyst and, in 2000, was given his own talk show, *The Tim McCarver Show*.



JOE BUCK
1989-PRESENT
At age 25, Buck became the youngest man to call a regular slate of NFL games, and continues to lend his skills to a variety of sports broadcasts.

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"Kick Ass!"

~Bloody Disgusting

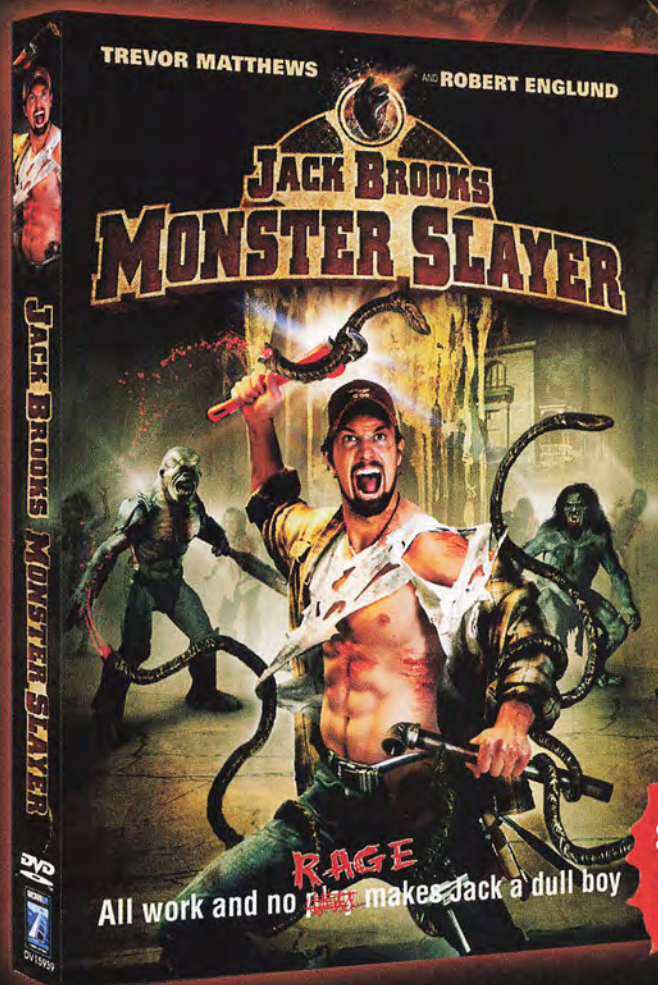
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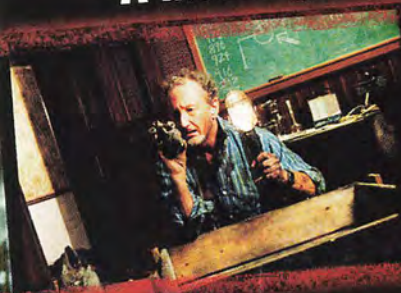


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BOLL-O-RAMA!

Infamous director **Uwe Boll** goes bonkers talking about his new films, his war with Michael Bay, and why he'd love to travel the globe beating up Internet haters.

You've got two very different movies hitting DVD shelves, the horror film *Seed* and the comedy-romp, *Postal*.

I was disappointed about the release of *BloodRayne* in America, so I sat down and wrote *Postal* and *Seed* back-to-back; I put all my hate into *Seed*, and I put all of my funny and cynical elements into *Postal*.

You also let out some of that vitriol in your infamous YouTube clips.

That came from my being pissed about the

constant bashing on the Internet. Because if you see the way I came into the business, I'm way closer to the guy who is bashing me than someone like Michael Bay.

Are you calling out director Michael Bay?

Well, I gave [some] s**t to everybody, basically, and Michael Bay answered, so it escalated, and I said let's meet in the ring at Mandalay Bay. Then his attorney wrote me saying I should stop, otherwise they'll sue me. It shows he has no humor.

So would you be willing to face him in a WWE ring?

Absolutely! He has no chance. I would always be willing to meet Bay, Eli Roth or Quentin Tarantino in the ring.

And would you be willing to spend your life's savings hunting down your online detractors?

Half of my money! I'd need the other half to survive. The Internet is so anonymous, that [people bash me] and they're not scared of being caught. They should think twice before they write something though, because I would definitely fight them.

"I WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET...[MICHAEL] BAY, ELI ROTH OR QUENTIN TARANTINO IN THE RING."

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—Uwe Boll



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Return to the year when *WrestleMania* turned three, and Guns N' Roses welcomed us to the jungle.



FROM THE FEATURE

THE MILLION DOLLAR MAN TED DIBIASE

When editors were welcomed into the posh world of Ted DiBiase and given free reign to gaze upon the lavish trappings of his wealth, they suffered the eye-searing sight of manservant Virgil's outfit: silver slip-ons and an unsightly skintight onesie, festooned with a gold belt. Was that look ever in style?



GHOST BELTING

I gôst belting I [v]
The motion a Superstar makes across his unadorned waist to express his desire to one day wear any number of title belts.

DYE HARDY

Jeff walks us through the outtakes, and the winning design, of his spankin' new T-shirt, voted on by fans and sketched out by the Rainbow-Haired Warrior himself.



Jeff paints a different canvas red.

THE RUNNER-UPS!



"I drew a real cool shirt, which was a face looking straight at you, but I never could get it the way I wanted it. I was surprised by the design the fans chose in the end, because I didn't think that one was the most impressive."



"I was like, 'Let me try to throw some horns on this guy because I like devilish-looking stuff.' I never know what the outcome will be. I usually start with the nose and eyes and go from there, and then it turns into whatever."



"When I draw faces, I always put a sparkle over one eye to express a kind of passion. And I love doing abstract stuff, too. I like to draw things and give it a 'Wow, how does he do that, and where did that come from?' factor."



"I was messing around with different colors on this one. I just experimented. When I draw something, sometimes there's no explanation for it. The work comes together on its own. And whatever the fans like is OK with me."



"This was another design I was experimenting with. I was just imagining a painting that would be cool on a T-shirt. The best thing about all of this is that no other Superstar has had a chance to draw images for his own shirt."

WINNING DESIGN!

"This design is kind of a mutated version of myself, and it showcases the way I shave my face. I think that might be one of the reasons fans chose it, because it kind of resembles me, with the streaks on my jaw. I was really able to capture that look in this drawing."

"This is a mutation of a human and a tree. The trunk is the neck, and vice versa, and it leads up to the guy's face, with his hair as the leaves or the branches of the tree. It's a face and tree weaved together. I actually wanted this on the front of the shirt, but it's on the back, so it's all good."



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"IF YOU CAN
SURVIVE THE
DUNGEON **YOU**
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NAUGHTY BY NATURE

Third-gen Diva **Natalya** hammers home a few points about the family biz, Barbie doll Divas and growing up in the infamous Dungeon.

We're dying to know what it's like having Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart as a father.

My dad was on the road a lot, so his schedule was very, very hectic. I swear he was home like two days a month. He tried to shelter his three daughters from wrestling because he felt like it was a man's world, a rough business that was "No place for my daughters." In those days there weren't as many women in the business. When he was gone we watched it all the time, though. My little sister and I loved seeing my dad and Uncle Bret on TV. We also loved the Rockers, whom we were totally crushing on.

How does your dad feel now that you're a part of this world?

Like my entire family, he's very supportive. When my dad performed on the *Raw 15th Anniversary Special* it was so funny. I kind of gave him a little pep talk because he hadn't made a WWE entrance in so long. I could tell he was a little nervous. I said, "Daddy, just take it all in and look around!" It was a wonderful father-daughter moment.

It must feel surreal.

It's like how runners say they get runners' high—that's exactly what I get when I wrestle. WWE is my passion. It has consumed me in the best way possible. It's my heartbeat, the pulse of my family.

SPEED ROUND

**IF YOU COULDN'T WRESTLE YOU'D...
Be the first female trainer in WWE.**

MEETING MR. McMAHON FOR THE FIRST TIME WAS LIKE...?

Honestly, that man's facial expressions speak volumes. He can say 1,000 words in just one look. He makes you want to have that little extra personality.

MY FAVORITE FAMILY VACATION IS...?
Definitely Busch Gardens, where my sisters and I would ride this big elephant named Peggy. She eventually attacked her trainer, though.

THE ONE THING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT DEAR OLE DAD?

He's got a sensitive side to him. He's like a big teddy bear inside.



The newest Build-A-Bear, the Anvil!

How cool was it training in the Dungeon with some of sports-entertainment's greats?

It was completely amazing. Brian Pillman, Honky Tonk Man, my uncles Owen and Bret, my dad and Davey Boy Smith all came out of the Dungeon. When I started training there it was only me and one other girl. So I really feel a sense of accomplishment. I did something that not very many people could. I wouldn't trade those days for anything.

Does the name "Dungeon" really do the place justice?

My grandfather's house was actually an old, brick war hospital in Calgary, Canada. There are four levels, and the Dungeon is the basement. Because it was a war hospital, the Dungeon actually had a crematorium in it. If you can survive the Dungeon you can survive anything.

Considering your pedigree, was making it to WWE a foregone conclusion in your mind?

I never stopped believing that I would make it. I'd watch the Divas before I came to WWE and I would say to myself, "I'm better than they are. I'm stronger, faster and quicker!" But, once I got in the ring with them, I realized those Barbie dolls are tough! Being a WWE Diva is so much harder than I could have ever imagined. In spite of my hatred for most of them, I still have to give them credit. There's so much work involved. There are

only a handful of people in the world who can do what we do.

So whom is the Submission Technician gunning for?

Any of those quintessential Barbie doll types, like Kelly Kelly and Candice Michelle. I'm not your stereotypical Diva. I'm not a super-model, but I have this strength. Nobody else can be as powerful and as sexy. I'm bringing a change to WWE on a worldwide scale. I can manhandle anyone. If I don't get my meal at a restaurant I know I can just grab the waitress and put her in a headlock, whereas those little chicken wings don't have that same power.

What Diva did you admire growing up?

I always loved watching Sensational Sherri. She had this amazing presence in the ring. Her timing and personality were unmatched.

So you fully expect to capture SmackDown's newest title, the Divas Championship?

It's tough, but I have the claws to win. Scoring that championship would be historic—it's the first Women's Championship on *SmackDown*. Divas like Victoria and myself have really risen to the occasion. This championship is only going to make us strive for perfection even more. Now we have something to fight for. Watch out ladies, you've got a wild thoroughbred coming for you! 🐾

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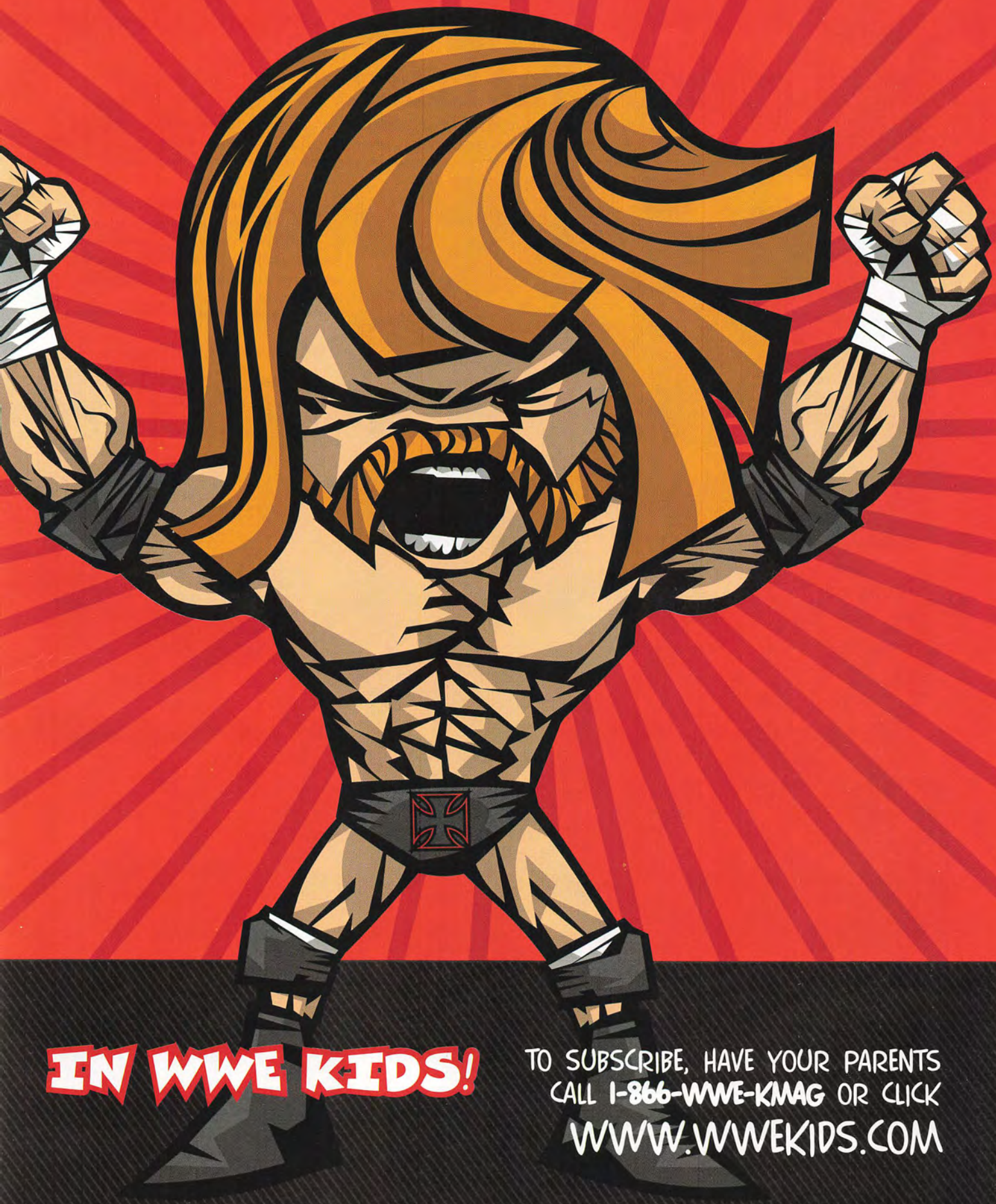
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SMACKING DOWN THE VOTE!

Our office has been combing the company's **Smackdown Your Vote!** site to learn about the 2008 Presidential race. Turns out that no candidate is running on a platform to bring Skittles to our corporate vending machines. vote.wwe.com

3% MAKING MAGICAL ACTION FIGURES

Putting his artistic skills to good use, Senior Editor Matt Christensen recently created the **John Cena-taur** action figure: part-Champ, part-horse.



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FIGHTING ZOMBIES OUTSIDE OF TITAN TOWER

We've chosen to gussy up our rhododendrons with **Zombie Garden Sculptures**. These ghouls should scare off leaf-eating deer and pushy Jehovah's Witnesses. designtoscano.com; \$90

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Smashing Each Other's Action Figures with Chairs

We've been wasting mad hours with the **Backstage Brawl** playset. Replete with weapons ranging from tables and chairs to a cheeseburger(?), this set could spell the end of our WWE careers. wweshop.com; \$40

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5% BAKING TASTY TREATS

Whip up this Kitty Litter Cake and give Grandma a special birthday treat! fabulousfoods.com/recipes/dessert/cakes/kittylittercake.html

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5% PRANKING COWORKERS: PART IX

We tried these "Anti-theft stickers" on Editor Rob Bernstein's Chevette, but they improved the car's looks! dominicwilcox.com/stickers.html; approx. \$8.



Before.

After.

THRILLING TO BOURNE'S RING SUPREMACY

12%

Our DVRs are always programmed to **ECW** on Tuesdays anyway, but now we've got a reason to use the instant replay button: **Evan Bourne's** sick moves and aerial acrobatics.

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NERDING OUT

The Force is most definitely with us when we hit the 7:45 train with this **Wookiee pack**. thinkgeek.com; \$28

OH NO
YOU
DITN'T



GOATEE
Every good Superstar needs some killer facial hair, but Demento's dime-store Fu Manchu looks like it was slapped on using Krazy Glue.

TOOTH-RIDDEN APPAREL
Is it just us, or do Demento's shoulder pads make it look as though he's about to be swallowed by a giant Venus Flytrap?

WRISTBANDS
Demento's bondage gear makes him look like one of the illiterate slaves exiled alongside Charlton Heston in *Planet of the Apes*. And that's being nice.

Demento knows how to accessorize.

DAMIEN DEMENTO

Curtain-jerkers come in all forms, but none more insane than Damien Demento. Although he was in the main event during the first *Raw* telecast, Demento is probably best remembered for dressing like an extra from *The Flintstones*.



WWE'S LOST VIDEO TREASURES

Master archivist **Dan Piro** digs deep into WWE's massive video library and extracts this gem!



"Let... go... of... the... mic!"

BLACK SATURDAY

"On July 14, 1984, after acquiring Georgia Championship Wrestling's time slot, McMahon appeared in front of a WCW banner on the TBS Superstation, owned by media mogul Ted Turner. Viewers were stunned to see WWE Superstars as announcer Freddie Miller passed the torch to his new boss. Nine months later, Vince would sell the time slot to Jim Crockett Promotions, which in turn would lead to an all-out war with Turner."



JAKE ROBERTS
WWE
LEGEND



JAKE ROBERTS
FISHERY
BIOLOGIST

WILL THE REAL JAKE ROBERTS PLEASE STAND UP?

One is a master of snakes. The other is a servant of fish. **FIGHT!**

HAS BEEN SEEN...?

Terrifying grown men with his quiet intensity, and tossing his 300-pound python, Damien, at his opposition.

On boats and in the water catching fish and studying the eco-trends of the under-water ecosystem.

NICKNAME...?

"The Snake," for his expertise with the reptile, and for his slippery qualities, which tended to make him more serpent than Superstar.

"The Hammer." Says Roberts: "That nickname was cooked up while drinking one too many. Who knows what it means?"

FAVORITE PET...?



VS



Roberts had Lucifer, Revelations and other snakes by his side, but his beloved Damien remains the most revered reptile in his career.

Roberts owns two tanks stocked with 10 fish each. Top of the heap is Pete, a puffer fish that's 3½ years old. And it's just as toxic as any snake out there.

MOST NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT...?



Being the only man (possibly on Earth) to strike fear into Andre the Giant by playing on the goliath's crippling fear of snakes.

Fly-fishing! Roberts once caught a 30-inch salmon, now mounted on his living room wall. Real classy-like!



WORST INJURY...?

A tossup: Taking a guitar to the noggin from Honky Tonk Man, or going blind after Rick Martel blasted him in the eyes with perfume.

He was out of the pond for six months recuperating from a torn ACL after shooting some hoops during his down time. No hook for this angler.

BIGGEST CHALLENGE...?



Surviving a bite from a cobra during his Coal Miner's Glove match at WCW's 1992 *Halloween Havoc*.

"I had to pass a series of exams to become a fish doctor. It was five days of questioning, during which I wrote 55 pages." Oooh, scary.





PHOTOGRAPHY BY DAVID YELLEN

JERK OF THE MONTH

Each issue we interrogate a Superstar about his alleged crimes against humanity. This month, **The Miz** gets a reality check.

THE CHARGE

FRAUD Leveraging 15 minutes of reality TV fame to land a WWE contract.

HIS DEFENSE

"I was on one of the top-rated reality shows for many, many years! How is that 15 minutes of fame? How many people have been on a top-rated television show for eight years straight? So try again, loser."

THE CHARGE

DEFAMATION Slandering WWE Superstars and Divas on wwe.com's "The Dirt Sheet"

HIS DEFENSE

"'The Dirt Sheet' is the best thing to happen to WWE. We're going to do what we want, where we want, when we want. Got it? We don't care what people think. Boo-frickin'-hoo! Be like Justin Timberlake and cry me a river, chump."

THE CHARGE

INDECENT EXPOSURE Wearing offensive ring attire

HIS DEFENSE

"I'm sorry I don't wear Speedos to the ring. I prefer things that are trendy and hip over Underoos. Take a hard look at the fans! They look stupid! They can't afford my amazing \$500 hats, my awesome bandanas, my \$1,000 boots! It's OK to hate me because of that. I get it."



Wardrobe courtesy
of Freddie Krueger.

WOULD YOU BUY THIS?

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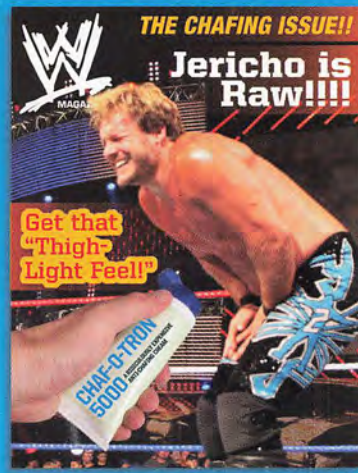
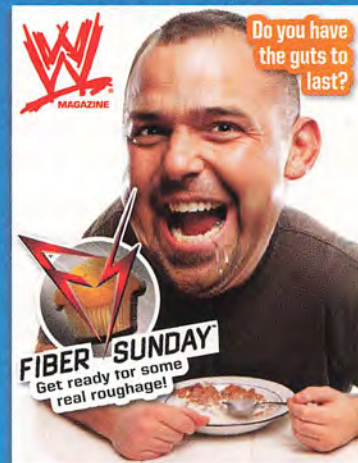


"Hello, mom? Send more lunch money."



MEET THE REJECTS

Each issue, we send four covers to Mr. McMahon seeking his approval. For reasons we can't fathom, these three didn't make the cut.



SUPERSTAR SHOW AND TELL

WWE's biggest names rifle through their collections to bring us these rare wrestling gems.

NATALYA AND HER FAMILY COLLECTIBLES...

"I collect stuff that relates to my family, because I have a lot of pride in my heritage. I have a vintage Hart Foundation action figure set. It's my dad and Bret, and I think it was the first action figure set of them that was ever made. And one of the T-shirts is of my dad and me—a fan from Japan made a cartoon of us and put it on a shirt. It says, 'Jim and Natty Neidhart Foundation.' It's really cute. And I have figures of my uncle Davey and Owen when he was the Blue Blazer, which is one of my favorites. I probably have 20 different items. I'm a very sentimental person."

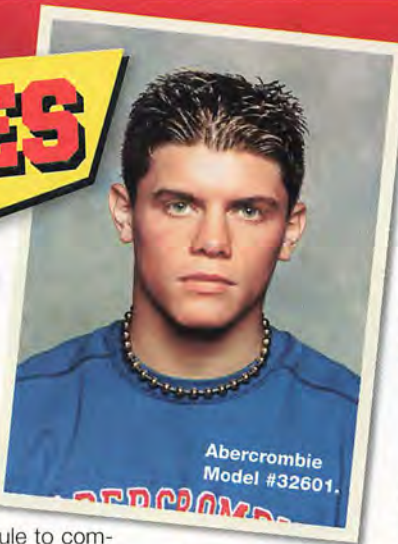


We HART Natalya.



FAST TIMES

AT WWE HIGH



Back in the day, Superstars were just like us: bullies, troublemakers, acne-challenged outcasts. This month, meet a young **Cody Rhodes**.

OK, out with it—scoring chicks must've been a breeze for a guy like you.

Actually, I had a high school sweetheart who was a year older than I was. She ruined my life, then made it better, and then ruined it all over again. After that, nothing really exciting ever happened. Just a lot of trouble.

How much trouble?

I was never arrested, but I had a very close

encounter. I popped a plastic hubcap cover off a car parked next to mine, but the owner caught me and ran out screaming. When I got home, there was a cop talking to my dad. Thankfully, the man didn't press charges.

Best "Spring Break" story?

On this one trip to Florida, my friends and I were digging a massive hole on the beach, which we planned to toss a friend in. But we got bored and stopped digging. That night we threw a keg party that got busted by the cops. To get away, kids ran toward the beach. All of a sudden, I heard a high-pitched scream and I saw this one girl limping. She'd rolled her ankle. Some guy yelled, "Who built that freakin' hole?!" No one ever knew I did it. A lot of people got injured in that hole.

Ever do something that didn't summon the police or injure students?

Oh yeah, I got suspended for aggravating a fight between two students. As punishment, I had to itemize all of the wrestling gear. And for in-school suspension they placed me in this trailer for seven hours. You can't speak or ask questions until you're outside that trailer. It's dreadful.

NAME CODY RHODES

HIGH SCHOOL LASSITER HIGH SCHOOL

FAVORITE SUBJECT AMERICAN HISTORY

LEAST FAVORITE SUBJECT BIOLOGY

ACTIVITIES VARSITY WRESTLING, INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY



"My dad made up the 'Three Strikes' rule...by the third strike, I was given full permission to punch the guy in the nose."

Did Dusty give you permission to use a Texas bullwhip against bullies?

My dad made up the "Three

encounter. I popped a plastic hubcap cover off a car parked next to mine, but the owner caught me and ran out screaming. When I got home, there was a cop talking to my dad. Thankfully, the man didn't press charges.



TICKLE, TICKLE!!

Lassiter's Cody R. capped his senior year with a state championship at 189 pounds.



SECONDS WITH...
"THE RIPPER"
PAUL BURCHILL



WHAT DO YOU MISS MOST ABOUT YOUR HOMETOWN, ENGLAND?

Pubs and rugby! Just being able to walk and have five pubs within a minute of your house—I just don't quite understand driving to a bar. And I miss rugby.



DID YOU EVER PLAY?

Yeah, I played for Reading, which was a semi-professional team. I was a center, which is kind of like a running back in American football. I would take passes that were really tight to the opponents and crash through them.



HOW WOULD YOU COMPARE YOURSELF TO PREVIOUS ENGLISH SUPERSTARS?

I've changed the stereotype of your typical English wrestler. Mine's more of a hybrid grappling style, and I'm very hard to read in the ring. I don't drink tea, play cricket and eat crumpets—I'm in the pub drinking and beating the crap out of people.



IS THE RIPPER JUST AS RUTHLESS TO HIS SISTER'S DATES AS HE IS TO HIS OPPONENTS?

Dates? No one's good enough for Katie Lea. She's not into dating boys yet. My little sister Katie is an angel, and she would never disobey her big brother.



TELL US, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH YOUR LEFT-HANDED GLOVE?

I'm left-handed. It's a symbol that I'm unorthodox. Also, I was a big Barry Windham fan and still am. I saw him wearing a glove once and I started wearing one as well.



YOU WERE ONCE A SWASHBUCKLING PIRATE. IS IT SAFE TO CALL YOU A FAN OF THE PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN FILMS?

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SEXY SUPERFAN OF THE MONTH

Meet the latest contestant in our ongoing search for the hottest female WWE fan!

VITALS

NAME Cami C.
HOMETOWN Columbia, MD
AGE 23
OCCUPATION Stay-at-home Mom
STATUS In a relationship



WHAT MAKES YOU A SUPERFAN?

"I've been watching WWE for years! I've carried on the tradition with my four-year-old daughter, and we watch it three times a week together. All I have to tell her is, 'Put on your Superstar face,' and she will stop in her tracks and pose with a mean angry face! If she weren't so pretty like her mom, you would think I was raising a boy!" Cute, but let's see if you're as smart as you are hot...

1 WHAT WWE GREAT CURRENTLY SERVES AS ONE-HALF OF THE SMACKDOWN ANNOUNCE TEAM?

"This is an easy start. Mick Foley!" ✓

2 WHO REFERS TO HIMSELF AS "THE GOLD STANDARD"?

"Shelton Benjamin." ✓

3 WHAT CHARACTER DID JOHN CENA PLAY IN THE MARINE?

"John Triton." ✓

4 OTHER THAN THEMSELVES, WHO IS THE MIX & JOHN MORRISON'S FAVORITE WRESTLER? (HINT: HE'S FEATURED IN THE MOVIE REVIEWS SECTION OF WWE MAGAZINE.)

"I think this one is Jimmy Hart." ✗ (Wrong! It's Mr. Fujii!)

5 CM PUNK IS ALSO KNOWN BY WHAT MONIKER?

"The Straight Edge Superstar." ✓

6 ADD REY MYSTERO'S NUMERICALLY-NAMED SIGNATURE MOVE AND TRIPLE H'S WORLD TITLE REIGNS. WHAT'S THE SUM?

"I'm glad I'm good at simple mathematics! 631." ✓

7 WHAT DO THE INITIALS OF RANDY ORTON'S SIGNATURE MOVE THE "RKO" STAND FOR?

"Randy Knock-Out." ✗ (Nice try, but no. We were looking for "Randall Keith Orton.")

8 TRUE OR FALSE: SHAWN MICHAELS HAS WON THE WWE CHAMPIONSHIP 10 TIMES.

"False." ✓

9 TRUE OR FALSE: MVP'S NAME STANDS FOR "MOST VALUABLE PLAYER."

"False, it stands for Montel Vontavious Porter." ✓

10 WHICH WWE SUPERSTAR HAS A BACKGROUND IN RACECAR DRIVING?

"Hardcore Holly." ✓

8 out of 10! "Considering the caliber of the questions used, I'd say I did really well. You really need to know WWE inside and out! My daughter will be proud!" Nice job. You've gone from Soccer Mom to...

SUPERFAN!



HEY FEMALE READERS!

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CHERRY CRUSH

I recently discovered that I share a birthday with Cherry! I thought that was awesome, and I was wondering if you guys could hook us up. Cherry and I could spend a night on the town (on me, of course) in a limo celebrating. So, how about it, guys?

Rob V.
Buffalo, NY

Rob,
We always want to help out a fan, so we took the liberty of calling Cherry to see if we could make something happen. Here's what she had to say:



"Thanks for the invite, Rob! Unfortunately, I'll be on the road for my birthday. It would have been great to hang out and have dinner, but I'll be celebrating with the fans instead. Hey, there's always next year!!!"

CHOMP CHAMP

For the past two years I have been working at Cincinnati Children's Hospital as a Pediatric Dentist. It turns out that being a WWE fan has actually helped me with my work. I've treated several patients who are WWE fans, and I find that these patients are much more comfortable receiving dental treatment when I talk to them about their favorite Superstar. I once



COOL FAN ART OF THE MONTH

Rio McCarthy;
Saint Joseph, MO

asked a really young patient to "be tough like John Cena" when getting a shot. I also play wrestlers' entrance music on my phone during treatment to help make the appointment more enjoyable for my patients who are fans. The response has been great! I was recently given the best gift a dentist could get...a custom "World Pediatric Dental Championship" from my awesome patient, Ben. I was so touched by the gift that I wanted to share my experience with you guys at WWE.

Joe Virata, DDS
Cincinnati, OH



Dr. Virata,
You are an inspiration, sir. Sheesh, the only things we get from our dentists are old issues of Bon Appetit and disclosing tablets. Next time we're in Cincinnati, we'll be sure to make an appointment!

SUPERFAN HEAD CASE

Dear WWE Magazine,
I stopped hanging with friends so I could attend WWE shows. I collect all of the magazines, buy all of the gear I can afford and have a DVD collection

AUGUST'S WINNER!

DID YOU BUY THIS?

Unless you're a roadie for Dio, it's hard to convincingly pull off a denim jacket look, much less a denim jacket embroidered with four caricatured Superstars! If you once tried, and still own this fashion disaster, 'fess up. Send the photographic evidence to **MAGAZINE@WWE.COM** and earn a chance to score a Superstar's autograph!



Meet **Cody Cunningham**, owner of HBK earrings. When asked why he owns the unsightly clip-ons he said: "I got all of Michaels' merchandise from my parents. But I've never really left the house wearing the earrings." Yeah, sure. Your Superstar autograph is in the mail!

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YOU RANG?

Every night you pull us away from *Food Detectives* to give your thoughts on all things sports-entertainment. Here's what some of you had to say:

"Does Rey Mysterio wear his mask to bed? In the shower? At church? Was he allowed to wear it when getting a driver's license?"

—TOM DONWORTH, 12, ATLANTA, GA

"You guys need to put out another poster issue, but this time, only featuring WWE Divas."

—BENJAMIN DAURE, 17, SCARSDALE, NY

"Please print more photos of Hornswoggle. I love the little guy!"

—SARAH McDONOUGH, 24, SAN DIEGO, CA



as tall as I am—5'5". Do you think I'm too obsessed?

Mike M.
DePue, IL

I'm really mad. Even my friend's dad thinks I could be related to him, but my mom highly doubts it.

Mary J.
Via e-mail

Mary,
Whatever your friends say, we suggest you listen to your mom. You may be too young to understand why, but she's probably right on this one.

THE PUZZLING TODD PETTENGILL

Dear WWE Magazine,
I remember an issue of WWE Magazine back in the '90s that featured former announcer Todd Pettengill on the cover. Am I nuts? Please let me know—it's been boggling my mind for years.

Jordan
Toronto, Canada

Jordan,
The WWE interviewer and now-WPLJ morning man never graced the cover of WWE Magazine, but he was in a feature titled, "Up Close with Todd Pettengill" [March 1995]. Hopefully this is the interview you were thinking of, and you can finally rest your obsessed mind.



The
Undertoddler.

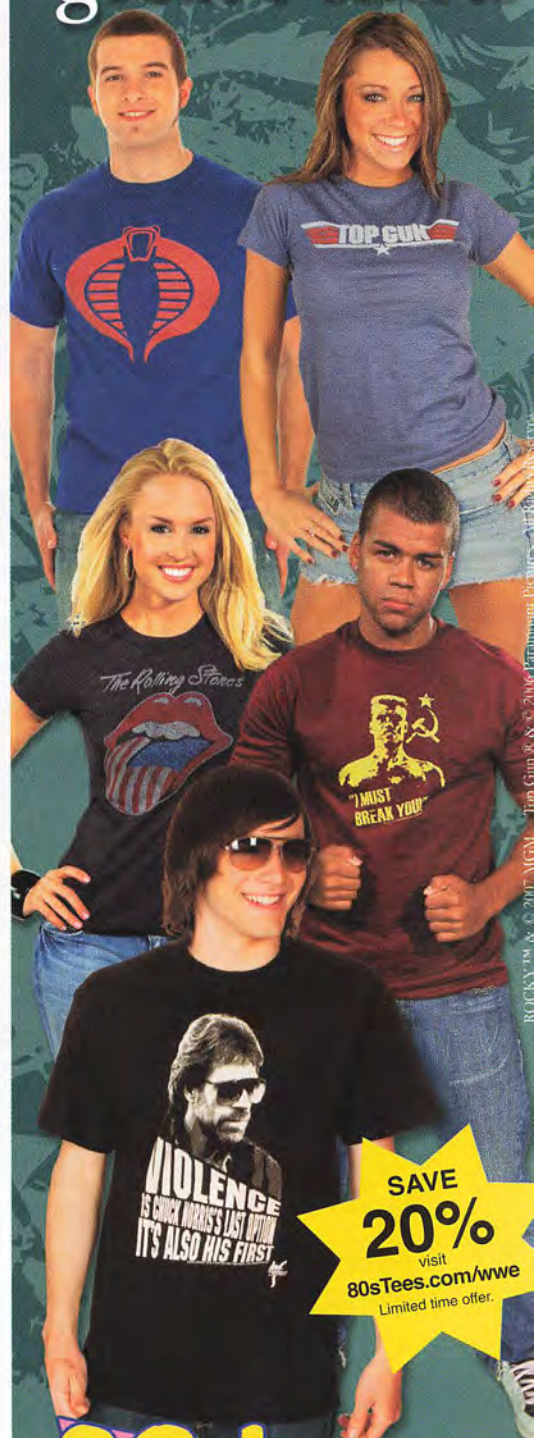
Mike,
Judging by the above pic, not at all. If you want to see obsessed, you need to look at Assistant Editor Matt Berical's Sailor Moon collection. Now that's a scary sight.



'TAKER'S LONG LOST DAUGHTER?

Dear WWE Magazine,
I'm a fan of Undertaker, and all of my friends think I'm related to him somehow. They say it's because I look so much like him and act like him when

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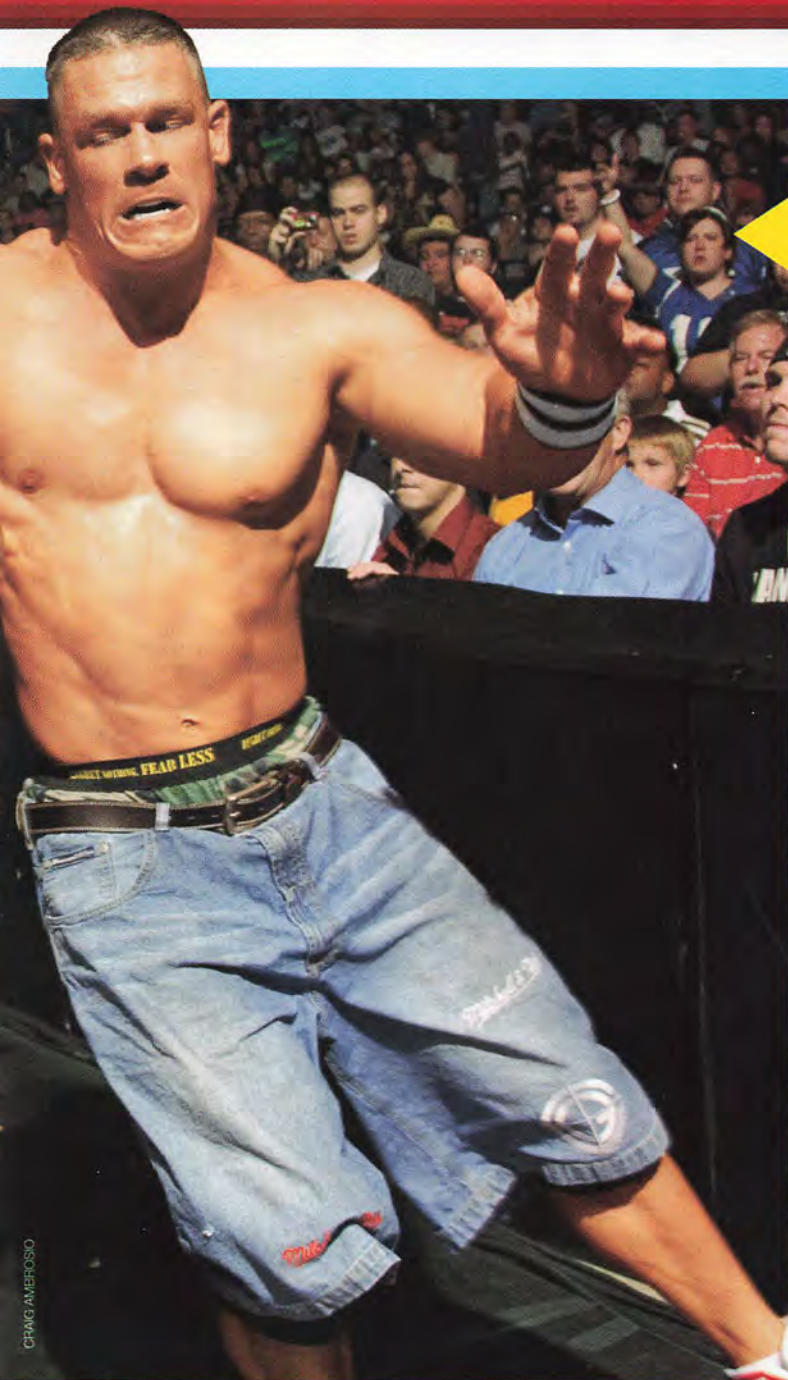
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7 2007 **BLOOD IS ALWAYS THICKER THAN WATER**

Although WWE Champ John Cena needed to win this title match against Randy Orton to keep his gold, he forfeited his chance in a bid to save his old man from a savage RKO beating.

6 2003 **LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP... FROM 30 FEET UP**

Shane McMahon neglected to follow this rule when he blindly jumped from atop the *Unforgiven* tower to crush Kane. The McMahon heir missed his mark and plowed through the stage. Medic!

5 2004 **A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED**

In order to pry away the Heavyweight title from Randy Orton, Triple H called on Evolution-mates Ric Flair and Batista for aid. He even recruited Coach to sub as ref when the real official went down. With a little help from his friends, "The Game" pinned Orton to the mat to snag his ninth title.

4 1998 **ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY**

When The Rock became leader of the thriving Nation of Domination stable, the new alpha male booted out the former leader, Faarooq, the man who had taken him in! The Great One's success was short-lived, however; his for-

mer mentor returned to mop the ring with his protégé.

3 2002 **WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, FANE AN INJURY**

Afraid to lose his battle with Ric Flair, Chris Jericho lionsaulted off the top rope, landed on his feet and then faked a knee injury. Once the WWE trainer had run to the ring, Flair was easily diverted. Y2J capitalized and attacked 'Naitch from behind to retain the title.

2 2006 **NEVER PASS OUT AT A LATE-NIGHT PARTY**

After Big Show was knocked out by Shawn Michaels and draped over the top rope, DX planted Mr. McMahon's mug into the big man's sweaty, bare ass. And you thought decorating your roommate's drunken face with indelible ink was extreme.

1 2005 **AGE IS ONLY A NUMBER**

Ric Flair pulled up to the arena in a limo filled with bubbly young strippers. After beating Carlito for the I-C title, 'Naitch spent the remainder of the evening rocking the shocks in a blissful battle royal with the lovely ladies. Woooo!!

2008 **WHAT WILL WE LEARN THIS YEAR?**

Send your predictions to MAGAZINES@WWE.COM. If you're right, we'll overnight you a crack in the mouth!



SUPERFAN DREAM COME TRUE!

'Tis the season of *No Mercy*, yet we *showed* mercy to one luckless fan whose entire WWE collection was destroyed in a flood.

Meet Mike Labbe, an emergency medical dispatcher from Pittston, ME. He's a husband, father and rabid WWE fan. His basement was once a shrine to all things sports-entertainment. All seemed well in Mike's life until one fateful day, when the creek in his backyard swelled and poured into his basement. Years of collectibles, most of them irre-



The scene of the disaster.

placeable, went right into the drink, never to be seen again. Ordinarily, a sad tale from a fan warrants a polite response and little else (so don't send your sob stories, please!). But considering the extent and value of Mike's collection, we felt like we had to take action. We dialed the poor guy up and invited him to Titan Tower for a merciful, once-in-a-lifetime experience.

IRON MAN

A quick stopoff at WWE's private gym for a session on the weight pile...



TITAN TOUR

We took Mike through the halls of WWE HQ, where he soaked in the scads of memorabilia on display, like **Andre the Giant's** boots.



STUDIO TIME

Then it was over to our TV facility for a complete rundown of how WWE programming goes out over the air each week.

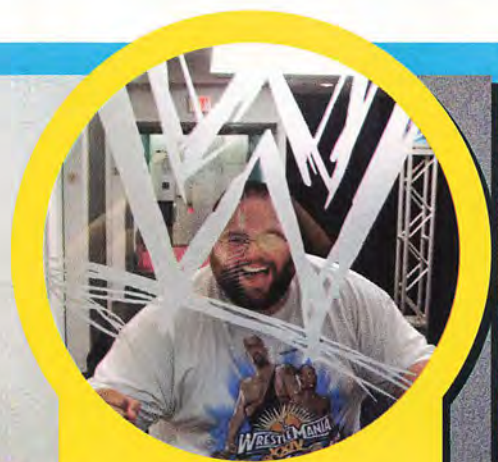


"I'VE READ ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS...BUT THIS STUFF DOESN'T HAPPEN TO US."



BONUS!

The prize of Mike's new collection? A highly-coveted *WrestleMania XXIV* plaque, signed by the main-eventers and featuring an **actual piece of ring rope** from Orlando, FL!



REALITY CHECK

After his tour of Titan Tower, we caught up with Mike to see if he'd managed to return successfully to Earth.

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AT WWE HQ?

My wife summed it up by saying, "You know, I've read about things like this happening to other people, but this stuff doesn't happen to [us]." It was an unbelievable experience, and I was very appreciative.

STILL SORTING THROUGH YOUR LOOT?

Once I showed my wife everything, she said, "Wow, it's too bad you don't have your wrestling room anymore, now that you have so much nice stuff to put on the walls!" I've been trying to figure out how I want it all set up and laid out. I didn't put anything in the basement, I promise; it's in a spare room upstairs right now!

LEARN ANYTHING WHILE ROAMING THE TOP-SECRET HALLS OF TITAN TOWER?

When I left Titan Tower, I looked at my watch and I was like, "Oh my God, I've been here for more than three and a half hours! I cannot believe time went by that fast and that I only took four pictures!" It was sensory overload just trying to see everything. I came home that night and I was trying to write down anything that I could remember. It was like a blur, but it was awesome.

ONE THING WE'RE DYING TO KNOW: WAS IT WORTH HAVING YOUR COLLECTION DESTROYED IN ORDER TO HAVE THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY?

I'd have to say yes, to be honest. It pains me to say that, because I lost so much personal stuff that I will never be able to replace. But getting a chance to come to Titan Tower, that's equally irreplaceable. I feel extremely fortunate that it happened.



SCORE!

At the end of the day, we led Mike to a conference room packed wall-to-wall with enough WWE memorabilia to replenish two collections!!!!



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OCTOBER 5



NO MERCY'S LOST MATCH

At the event's depraved debut, three of the biggest names in WWE history threw down in this forgotten brawl.

No Mercy first aired as a UK-only pay-per-view in Manchester, England, on May 16, 1999. The main event witnessed for the first (and only) time, a Triple Threat Anything Goes Match. Steve Austin, Triple H and the Undertaker battled all over the arena, using everything not nailed to the floor as a weapon—including Austin's Smoking Skull WWE title, TV cables, steel steps and (of course) chairs! Ultimately, the Undertaker's Ministry, the Brood, Mankind, X-Pac and Kane got in the action, yet the Rattlesnake finally got the duke, leveling "The Game" with a Stunner.



NO MERCY

M.E.N. Arena, Manchester, England; May 16, 1999
Stone Cold Steve Austin vs. Triple H vs. The Undertaker

A VERY SHORT HISTORY OF THE



Where did Batista's hand gesture originally come from?

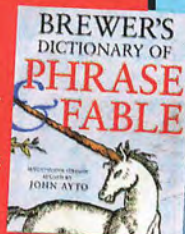


80 A.D.

Construction of the Roman Colosseum is completed, and gladiatorial combat becomes the main attraction in Rome until roughly the fourth century. Warriors' lives hang in the crowd's balance—spectators show a closed fist when they want a warrior to "live" and a thumbs-up when they want him to "die!" Looks like *Gladiator* was way off-base.

1870

Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase & Fable is published, giving definitions and explanations to phrases, expressions and acts. Inside, the book describes a hidden thumb as a way to represent well-being, and an extended thumb to describe the Victorian equivalent of "a case of the Mondays."



1941

The United States joins the fight in World War II. American pilots begin using a "thumbs-up" motion to signal to the crewmen for take-off. The gesture spreads as G.I.s continue using it for the remainder of the war.

1953

Capitol Wrestling Corporation, which would later evolve into the WWE you know today, is launched. Ever since, fans have shown their displeasure for Superstar jerks with a "thumbs-down," among other, more descriptive gesticulations.

The end
is near.




2005

The Animal uses both the thumbs-up and thumbs-down to signal the beginning of the end for his opposition—and the onset of a Batista Bomb.

CYBER PRANKS

Cyber Sunday puts Superstars at the mercy of a few mouse clicks. With these simple jokes, you too can control the fate of your coworkers.



HOURGLASS OF DEATH

One of the most frustrating computer symbols is the spinning hourglass. What would happen if the sands never stopped dropping? The worst day of our lives! On your victim's PC desktop go to Start/Settings/Control Panel/Mouse. Then select the Pointers tab. Change the cursor to the hourglass image and hit Save. Reboot and the poor schlub will think his computer is stuck! 


BOOM!

BOOM!

CLAP ON, CLAP OFF


While your victim is away from his desk, plug The Clapper into his computer monitor's power strip. Every time you approach his desk, clap twice. Shut down time! Too bad he didn't save those TPS reports.  

SEARCH, REPLACE AND DESTROY



On your victim's computer, open up MS Word and go to the Tools menu. Choose Autocorrect and enter a common word like "the" or "and" in the Replace box. Then enter an inappropriate word like "dookey" or "headcheese" into the With box. Now wait in anticipation for the next office memo to arrive. 

"All Staff: ~~Dookey~~ mandatory meeting will start at 9 a.m., headcheese please do not be tardy."


SLOW MODE

Nothing is more frustrating than a slow Internet connection. Or is it? On your target's PC go to Start/Settings/Control Panel/Mouse/Pointer Options. Slide the mouse pointer to the absolute slowest speed. Your coworker will freak out as every move he makes takes what seems like a millennium. 

THE DARKNESS

Against the technologically inept, try this simple, yet effective, prank. Turn the brightness dial all the way up and the contrast dial down. The screen will go black. Why not offer to swap his broken widescreen LCD for your ancient, fat-assed CRT?  

FROZEN IN TIME

Want to see your fellow cubicle-dweller lose his cool? Take a screenshot of his desktop by pressing Apple+Shift+3, and save that image as his wallpaper! Watch as your office-mate tirelessly tries to click icons (which are actually hidden in a folder elsewhere on his system). Hilarity ensues. 

[PC ; MAC 



NO MERCY

BIG NIGHT

Enhancing your *Raw*, *SmackDown* and *ECW* viewing experience since 2006.

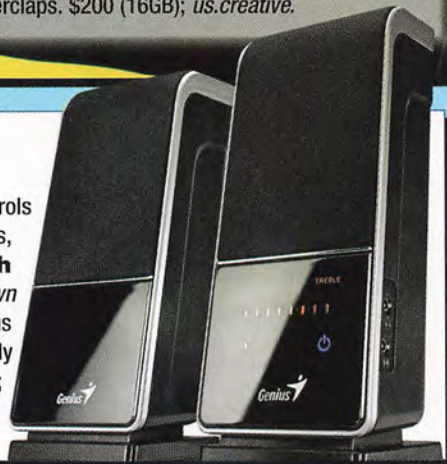
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ZEN MASTER

Like Kofi Kingston's in-ring repertoire, the **Creative Zen X-Fi**'s features are powerful, numerous and exceptional. It can play digital music, store 32 FM radio presets and display video and pics on its 2.5-inch screen. Even better, its WiFi lets users stream music and movies from home PCs. Yeah, it deserves some thunderclaps. \$200 (16GB); *us.creative*.

2 SLEEKER SPEAKERS

With glowing volume controls that invite intimate strokes, the **Genius 2.0 Touch** can blare *Raw*, *SmackDown* or *ECW* through its raucous 30-Watt speakers...but only if you're gentle. \$100/pair; *geniusnetusa.com*



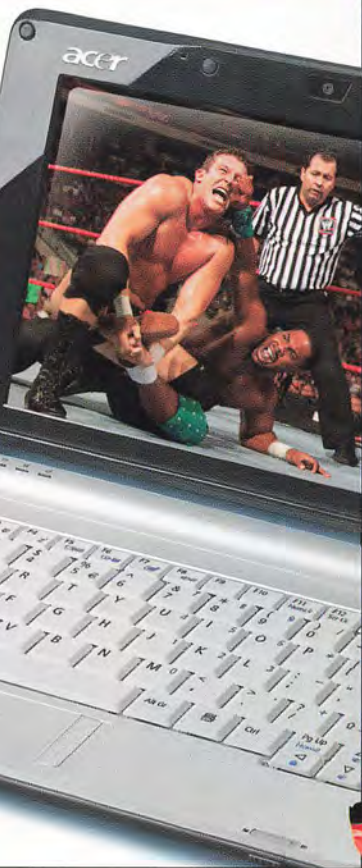
3 PICTURE PLAYER

The **Kodak Theater HD Player** taps into your home network and pushes digital photo albums to your TV with just a few clicks of its nifty gyroscopic mouse. As a bonus, it'll also pull galleries from photo sites such as Flickr and play online radio stations through your stereo. Yahtzee! \$300; *kodak.com*



4 LEAN COMPUTING

The light and portable **Acer Aspire One A150-1006** provides Net-on-the-go via built-in wireless. While its 120GB drive can store all your digital goods, the nine-inch screen is a bit small for surfing www.acer.com, but hey, at this price, we'll squint! \$425; acer.com



6 BRAT BEST

Why settle for a sub-par weiner when you can cook up succulent **Kayem bratwursts**? The pork sausage comes in three manly flavors—original, cheddar and pale ale. \$5; bratworship.com



7 CHINATOWN CHOWDOWN

Food court deity **Panda Express** now delivers! Yup, dishes like Kung Pao chicken and garlic beef can be mixed and matched to feed up to 32 pals. Just fill out an online form! Starts at \$80; pandaexpress.com



8 POP CORNUCOPIA

Popcorn, IN, is a real place—it's a small farming town, in fact—and it produces some damn tasty kettle corn. And, lucky you, **Dale and Thomas Popcorn** has released four new flavors from their Popcorn, IN, home, including aged white cheddar, caramel and mouth-blazing chili con queso. \$20 for a case of 20; popcornindiana.com



5 CYLON ATTACK!

The limited edition **Battlestar Galactica toaster** was introduced at this year's San Diego Comic-Con, and it proves that Cylon civilization is toast—at least in this carb-loving galaxy. \$65; nbcuniversalstore.com



CHEESE OFF!

Which breaded mozzarella sticks are worth the heartburn? Jesse & Festus put their sphincters on the line.*

ALEXIA MOZZARELLA STIX

PRICE \$4.19

CALORIES 120

TOTAL FAT 7g

SODIUM 220mg

UPSIDE All-natural; no trans fat; delicious seasoning

DOWNSIDE Soggy when nuked.

TASTE "These are great!" says Jesse. "The cheese is gooey and the spices make Festus groan!"

WINNER!



GIORGIO MOZZARELLA STICKS

PRICE \$2.79

CALORIES 110

TOTAL FAT 6g

SODIUM 260mg

UPSIDE Great cheese and breading

DOWNSIDE Also soggy, like Festus' undies!

TASTE "We coulda ordered these at Shoney's!" says Jesse. "They're that good!"



T.G.I. FRIDAY'S MOZZARELLA STICKS

PRICE \$3.29

CALORIES 100 (110 with included sauce)

TOTAL FAT 6g

SODIUM 280mg

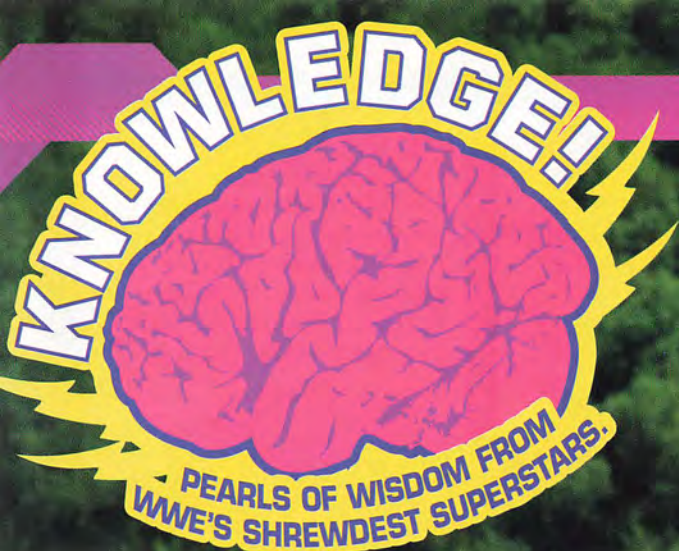
UPSIDE Includes Marinara Sauce.

DOWNSIDE Non-microwavable!

TASTE "These are crispy and big," says Jesse. "But Festus was not happy waiting for them to cook!"



* All nutritional information is per serving.



"I DATED A GUY WHO CALLED ME EVERYTHING FROM HONEY BEAR TO SCHNOOKUMS AND IT GOT REALLY NAUSEATING."
—LENA

DIVAS UNCENSORED

Sexy sirens **Lena**, **Melina** and **Beth Phoenix** advise us on life's biggest dating blunders.

My girl gets so annoyed when I don't dance with her. Is it really that big a deal?

Lena You're entitled to your preference, but if you're at the club, even if you don't like to dance, you can at least bop your head as she dances around you.

Melina Tell her to enjoy her time with her friends on the dance floor. It'd be nice if you tried, but if you really don't want to dance, it's not the end of the world.

Beth If dancing's not your thing, then just the fact that you're trying is a major turn-on. She knows you can't dance, but she'll enjoy the moment anyway.

Lena You could at least do the "guy dance." Ya know, hold your beer, shuffle your feet and nod your head.

My fiancée's girlfriend sent an e-vite and named me the "designated driver." I mean, what the hell?

Lena Your girlfriend probably volunteered you, and the best friend took the initiative. But I would find out who really nominated you, and then make sure it doesn't happen again.

Beth If you were appointed the designated driver it's most likely because you're a stick

in the mud. If you don't have the *cojones* to step up and say something, then you deserve to cart the drunken clan around.

Melina Oh, that sucks. You need to turn the tables on this chick. Make her the designated driver, 'cause it shouldn't be you!

Beth Your girl should stick up for you by saying, "You don't own my boyfriend. I tell him what to do, not you! Get it straight."

I hate pet names, yet my girlfriend insists on calling me "Sugar Bumps." How can I make her stop?

Beth Oh, grow up! As long as it's in private just let her call you Smoochie Cakes or whatever. I'm sure there's a part of you that enjoys being her little Smoochie Cakes anyway.

Lena Aw, Pookie Butt! Snuggle Bug! We say those things just to be endearing. But I can see how they might get annoying. I dated a guy who called me everything from Honey Bear to Schnookums and it got really nauseating. Tell her to stick with "babe" and "hun."

Melina Here's the answer: Find something that irks her and keep saying it. If she says that it bothers her, then let your girl know that's how you've been feeling.





Q I'M DATING A REALLY CLINGY CHICK. IS IT OK TO WANT TIME TO MYSELF?

Beth I've never heard of a guy not enjoying the attention of a woman, so maybe your masculinity is in question. Put down the video games and explore the female body instead.

Lena I disagree. I don't think that's wrong. I believe in a guys' night out. Men and women both need time with friends.

Melina I used to think, "How could you not spend every day with the person you care about?" But once my life got really busy, I understood why couples aren't together 24/7. Bottom line: Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

CREEPY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Q MY GIRLFRIEND CHANGED HER PHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDRESS, AND SHE MOVED. HOW CAN I FIND HER?

Beth I'd find a good lawyer, 'cause you're a stalker, bub. You'll probably end up in jail if you pursue this any further. Check the Yellow Pages under "Law."

Melina If you can't see that this is her way of running away, then I don't know what to say! Please go see a therapist.

Lena This is nuts. You say she's your girlfriend? Um, yeah. Stalk to you later.

Beth If you really want to find her, look for her MySpace page. She'll have all her private info there.

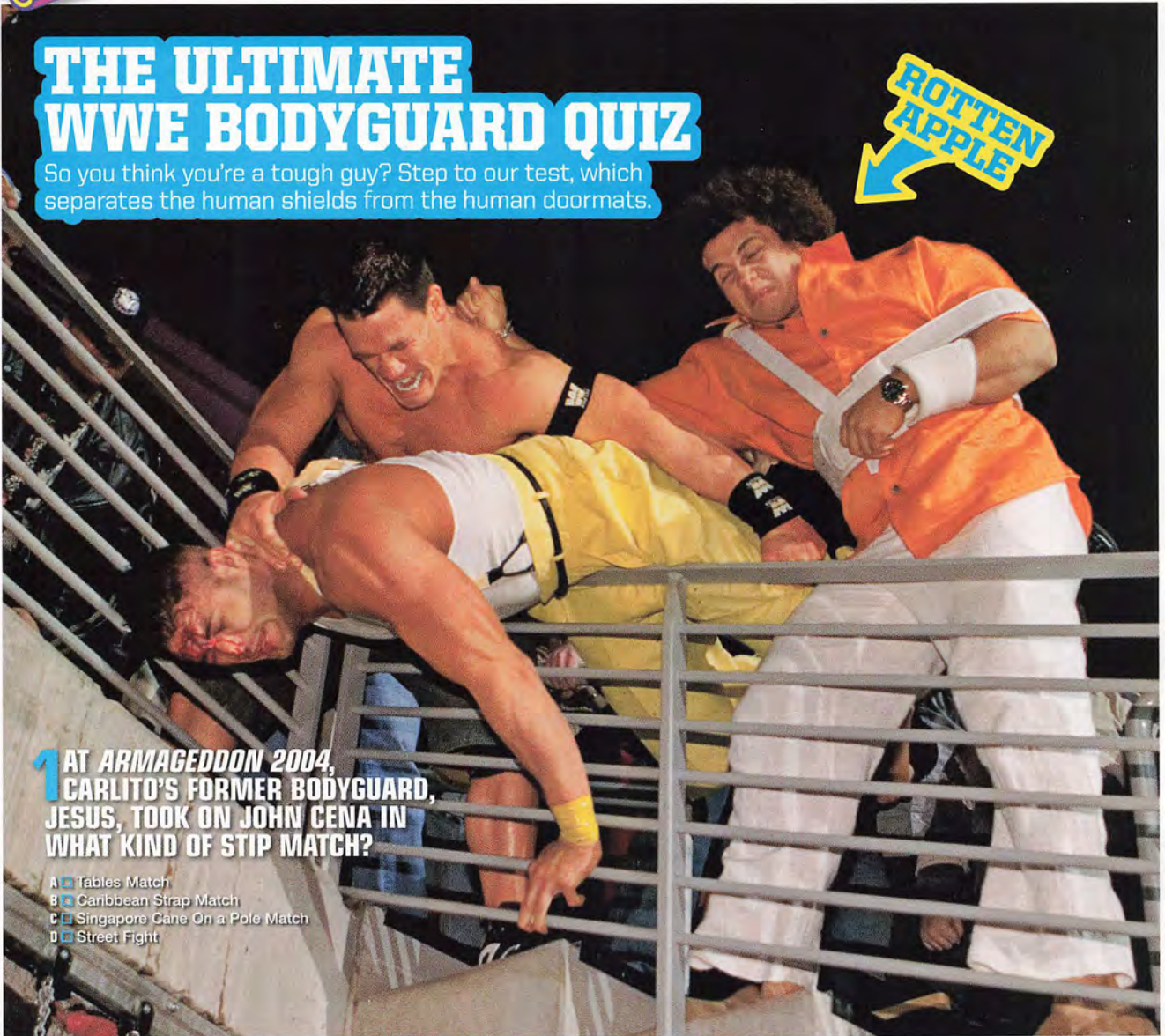
Melina That's messed up! I'm scared of you, Beth.



THE ULTIMATE WWE BODYGUARD QUIZ

So you think you're a tough guy? Step to our test, which separates the human shields from the human doormats.

ROTTEN
APPLE



1 AT ARMAGEDDON 2004, CARLITO'S FORMER BODYGUARD, JESUS, TOOK ON JOHN CENA IN WHAT KIND OF STIP MATCH?

- A ☐ Tables Match
- B ☐ Caribbean Strap Match
- C ☐ Singapore Gane On a Pole Match
- D ☐ Street Fight

2 WHITNEY HOUSTON COVERED "I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU" IN THE MOVIE *THE BODYGUARD*, BUT WHO WROTE THE ORIGINAL TRACK?



A ☐ Honky Tonk Man



B ☐ Dolly Parton



C ☐ Bryan Adams



D ☐ Jillian Hall

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TRUE OR FALSE?

"'CAUSE WE NEED DIAPER MONEY!" WAS THE APA'S BUSINESS SLOGAN.

4 BEFORE HIS WWE DEBUT, WHICH SUPERSTAR PROTECTED RECORD PRODUCER SEAN "DIDDY" COMBS AND UNDISPUTED HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION BOXER MIKE TYSON?

- A ☐ Mark Henry
- B ☐ Nunzio
- C ☐ MVP
- D ☐ Shad

5 FILL IN THE BLANK: A _ _ _ _ _ U _ _ _ E BRIEFLY SERVED AS DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE'S BODYGUARD IN WCW BEFORE JOINING FORCES WITH THE ILL-FATED FACTION DUNGEON OF DOOM.



6 MATCH THE SUPERSTAR TO HIS FIRST BODYGUARD.



A ☐ Chris Jericho



1 — Bob Orton



B ☐ Triple H



2 — Ralphus

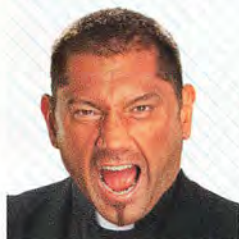


C ☐ Roddy Piper



3 — Mr. Hughes

7 IN 2002, BATISTA MADE HIS WWE DEBUT AS REVEREND D-VON'S BODYGUARD. WHAT WAS THE ANIMAL'S RELIGIOUS TITLE?



A ☐ Deacon Batista



B ☐ Minister Batista



C ☐ Bishop Batista



D ☐ Mother Batista

8 TRUE OR FALSE?

WWE HALL OF FAME JESSE VENTURA ONCE WORKED AS A BODYGUARD FOR BOB SEGER, THE ROLLING STONES, RUSH AND THE GRATEFUL DEAD.



9 FOR PROTECTION AGAINST JONATHAN COACHMAN & CARLITO, HORNSWOGGLE HIRED THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES OF WHICH LATE-'90S FACTION, WHICH REUNITED ON 12/3/07 RAW?

- A ☐ D-Generation X
C ☐ Evolution

- B ☐ The Four Horsemen
D ☐ The APA

10 DURING HIS ECW DEBUT, BAM NEELY PROTECTED CHAVO GUERRERO FROM KANE BY DOING WHAT?

- A ☐ Tossing Kane through a table
B ☐ Setting Kane on fire
C ☐ Smashing Kane with the ECW Championship belt
D ☐ Throwing Kane into the steel steps



11 WHICH WWE SUPERSTAR OR DIVA WAS NEVER SHAWN MICHAEL'S BODYGUARD?



A ☐ Diesel



B ☐ Luna Vachon



C ☐ Sycho Sid



D ☐ Chyna

12 BEFORE BECOMING A WWE SUPERSTAR, TEST CLAIMED TO BE A BODYGUARD FOR WHICH '80s ROCK BAND?



A ☐ Mötley Crüe



B ☐ Poison



C ☐ Europe



D ☐ Journey

13 TRUE OR FALSE?

BRET HART GUEST-STARRED ON AN EPISODE OF BAYWATCH AS THE BODYGUARD OF A MOB BOSS.



HART MEETS THE HOFF

14 AS MR. McMAHON'S THUGS, GERALD BRISCO & PAT PATTERSON SHARED A TEAM NAME WITH WHICH PUNK BAND?

- A ☐ The Germs
B ☐ The Stooges
C ☐ The Clash
D ☐ The Exploited



15 MATCH THE BODYGUARD TO THE WWE CHAMPIONSHIP HE ONCE HELD.

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| A <input type="checkbox"/> Virgil | 1 ____ Hardcore Championship |
| B <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel | 2 ____ World Heavyweight Championship |
| C <input type="checkbox"/> Big Boss Man | 3 ____ Million Dollar Championship |
| D <input type="checkbox"/> Batista | 4 ____ Intercontinental Championship |

WHICH BODYGUARD DO YOU MEASURE UP TO?



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Drillbit Taylor
from Drillbit Taylor



4-7
Frank Farmer
from The Bodyguard



8-11
John "Eraser"
Kruger from Eraser

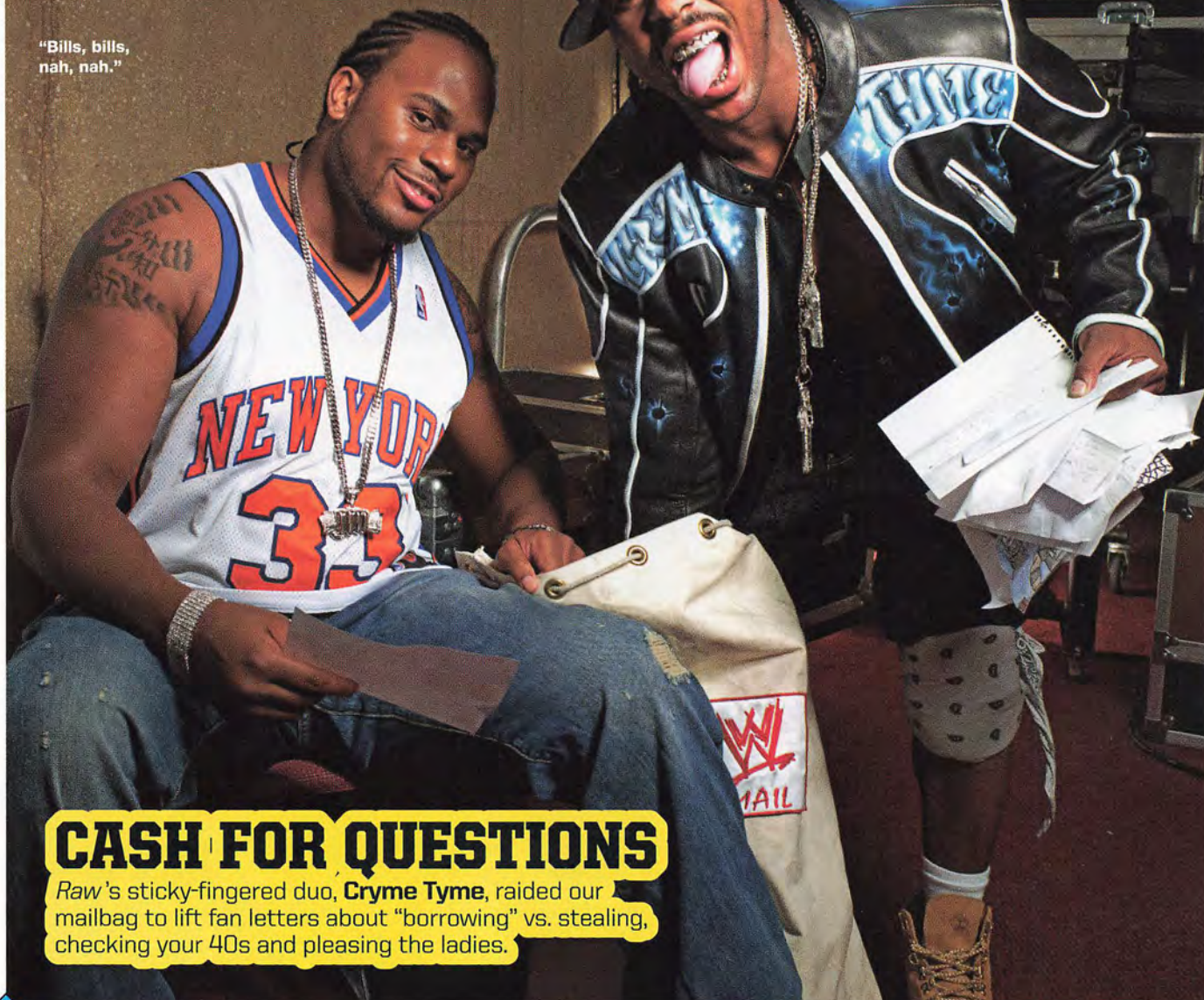


12-14
Ricky Linderman
from My Bodyguard



15
John Creasy
from Man on Fire

"Bills, bills, nah, nah."



CASH FOR QUESTIONS

Raw's sticky-fingered duo, **Cryme Tyme**, raided our mailbag to lift fan letters about "borrowing" vs. stealing, checking your 40s and pleasing the ladies.

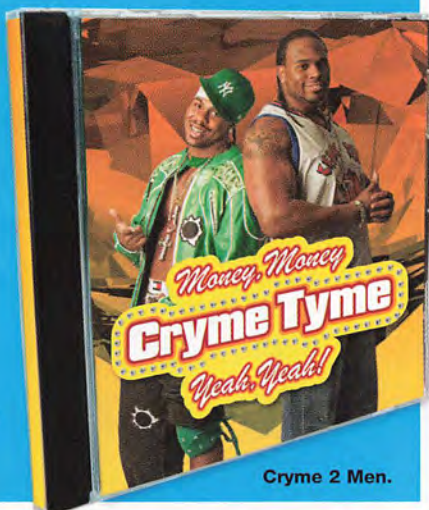
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Q It's time you two came out with a rap album like John Cena did in 2005. Oh, and make sure you feature Diddy on a track. His beats are hot!

JACKIE P., BAKERSFIELD, CA

A **JTG** I agree. If we had an album we'd also have to get Swizz Beatz, Jay Z and, of course, 50 Cent. G-Unit!

Shad No JTG, you know we can't rap. It'd be a bad idea to come out with a rap album. But we'd both love to be in rap videos with a bunch of girls.



Cryme 2 Men.

Every payday, I yell, "Money, money. Yeah, yeah!" But my coworkers think it's weird. What am I doing wrong?

MADDY_HATTER,
VIA E-MAIL

JTG You need to do the money shimmy along with it!

Shad No, you're just not repeating it enough. Keep saying it over and over again and eventually it will catch on.



Shad, you mentioned in a previous interview ["Tyme Bandits," *WWE Magazine*/July 2008] that a woman called you "Jesus" after a night of passion. How can I get that same reaction from the ladies?

GEORGE HAYTER, BIRMINGHAM, AL

Shad Honest to God, nobody else could get that title because I was actually admitted to heaven that night. After that evening it kind of spread around to her friends. So I decided to be a Good Samaritan and help those ladies out. If you pleasure a woman the right way they'll appreciate you a lot more.

How come you two are always stealing? C'mon, by now you must've pawned enough goods to be loaded!

BILL M., READING, PA

JTG We don't know what you've seen, but I've never stolen anything in my life. What we do is long-term borrowing. We intend to give it all back. We just haven't gotten to it yet, man.

Shad Stop playin', JTG. The main reason is because it's fun. We don't steal for profit anymore. We steal for entertainment. And to be honest, I could always use more things. Don't you agree?

Who would make a better WWE tag team, Kid 'n Play or Kris Kross?

GERARD NAPOLEON, WACO, TX

Shad Kid 'n Play. I actually got to meet Kid 'n Play and Kris Kross. Mac Daddy and Daddy Mac are really, really, short. They are the same heights as they were when they were young. Kid 'n Play are grown men. Play is actually a lot tougher in real life than he is on TV.

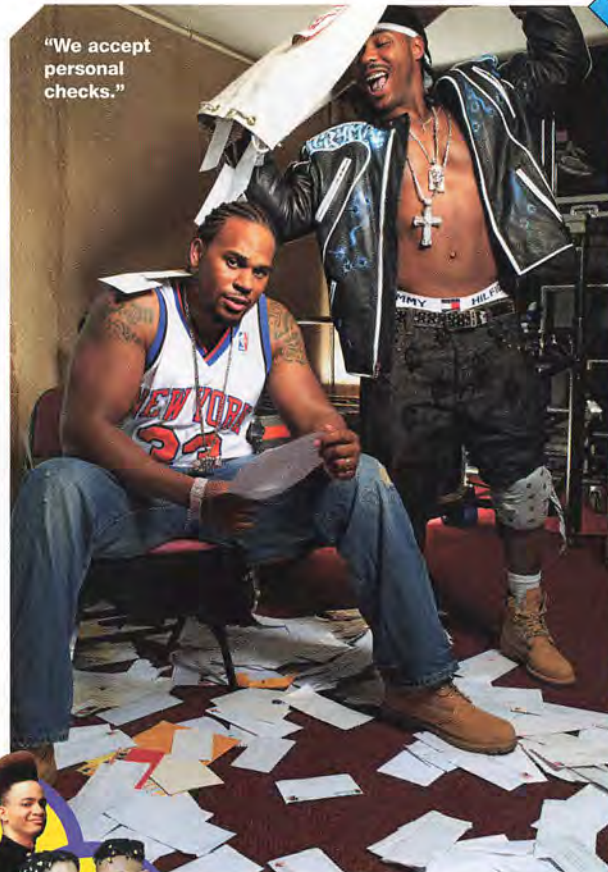
JTG Nah, man. I want Kris Kross in their heyday 'cause they got the jump, jump!

My best friend and I fight over girls all the time. What do you guys argue over?

CHAMP_STAMP, VIA E-MAIL

JTG Who gets to keep all the cash at the end of the night. We usually split it up evenly, but sometimes there's an odd number. How do you really split \$55? We just throw "rock, paper, scissors" and see who gets the extra five.

Shad That's true, but we argue about something more embarrassing! Like how my partner buys fruity drinks. I drink beer and he drinks strawberry daiquiris. I think it's so feminine! And to order an appletini at a bar is just bananas.



I often go to **Lost & Found** and claim valuable items that don't belong to me. Is that considered stealing?

NITIA T., HOBOKEN, NJ

JTG Of course it's not stealing. What kind of question is that? You snooze you lose. Finders keepers, losers weepers.

Shad Yeah, it's not stealing if they stop looking for it. Like JTG said, finders keepers, losers weepers.



"So that's where I left my Kelly Kelly."

?

Q I want to get a leather jacket with something airbrushed on the back, but it's gotta look badass. What should I get? I was thinking a mystical wizard.

JORDON H., BILOXI, MS

A **Shad** If you want it to look really badass get a picture of my face on it. If you want to look really soft, put JTG's face on it.

JTG Nah, if you put my face on it you'll look dope, of course.



I lost my iPod a week ago. Did you guys steal it?

PBUTTERANDNELLY86, VIA E-MAIL

Shad No, I got my own 80GB iPod, son.

JTG Like I said before, we don't steal. If we borrowed it, you might get it back sometime in the far future. But hey, I wouldn't hold my breath if I were you.

Did you guys know that you spell "crime" and "time" wrong? I spelled those two words with a "Y" and failed my spelling test!

MIKEY J., TUCSON, AZ

JTG Well your teacher is not that intelligent. In the hood, where I come from, you would have gotten that answer right.

Shad I didn't realize that, but thank you for pointing it out. Next, you should call Toys"R"Us and tell them that their "R" is backwards.

In the lyrics to "Bringin' Da Hood 2 U," what exactly do "check your 40s" and "pop a rollie" mean?

GAME_TYME72, VIA E-MAIL

JTG A 40 is a drink in the hood—malt liquor, to be exact. And to check your rollie means make sure it's still there.

Shad Yeah, what else would that mean, kid?



In the coming months we'll be sorting through fan mail for Shawn Michaels, John Cena and Hornswoggle. This is your chance to hear WWE Superstars answer your questions. Send your query to **MAGAZINE@WWE.COM** (with the subject line, "Cash for Questions"), or send it the hard way! (Snail it to: **WWE Magazine**, 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902.) If it doesn't suck, we'll print it—and send you **20 bucks in cold, hard cash**.



EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT... MASKS!



\$119,938,730

Domestic gross of 1994's *The Mask*, starring Jim Carrey and Cameron Diaz (in her silver screen debut).

\$10

Approximate cost of designer safety face masks sold on the streets of Hong Kong. The city, which bought millions of hygiene masks in the wake of 2003's SARS crisis, covered up yet again this past March following a deadly flu outbreak.



WITH REY MYSTERIO

"I can't stop the voices in my head."

Máscaras: ¿Por Qué?

Luchadores have been wearing *máscaras* since the 1930s, but the inspiration for the masks comes from Aztec and Mayan cultures. In these societies, the covers were worn in traditional ceremonies to honor deities. Today, a luchador's mask helps him assume larger-than-human appeal.



2,956

Number of original radio show episodes of the *The Lone Ranger* broadcast between 1933 and 1954.

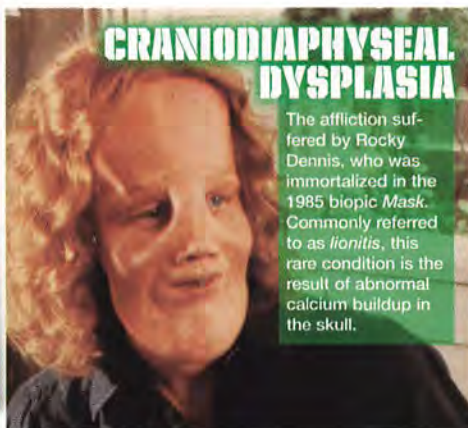
\$225

Estimated price of an unopened *Skybolt* vehicle, and its accompanying Matt Trakker and clone figures—the most expensive collectible from the M.A.S.K. TV series.



200

Years that women have willingly masked their faces with *peloid*, a mineral-infused mud. This face plaster is (putatively) used to revitalize and bind skin layers.



CRANIODIAPHYSEAL DYSPLASIA

The affliction suffered by Rocky Dennis, who was immortalized in the 1985 biopic *Mask*. Commonly referred to as *lionitis*, this rare condition is the result of abnormal calcium buildup in the skull.

PUCKSTOPPERS!

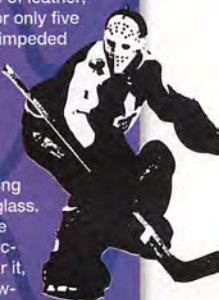
Behold, the most innovative—and awesome—players in hockey history. Jason Voorhees-approved!

Clint Benedict played for the Montréal Maroons and, in 1930, was the first goalie to don a mask. It was made of leather; Benedict wore it for only five games because it impeded his vision.

In 1959, Montréal Canadiens goalie Jacques Plante re-introduced the mask, this time using one made of fiberglass. Plante's coach, Toe Blake, tried convincing him not to wear it, claiming it was cowardly. Common sense prevailed, however, and the mask's popularity spread.

Former NHL goaltender Ken Dryden's fiberglass pretzel-style mask later gave way to a more contemporary style.

A trainer suggested Boston Bruins star Gerry Cheevers add checks to his mask for every shot he took to the face. The result? The baddest-looking mask ever. ➔

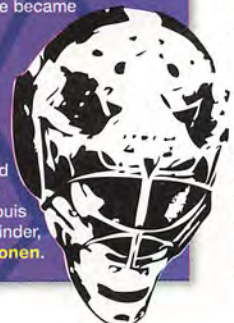


Philadelphia Flyers goalie Doug Favell wore the first spray-painted mask, after teammates colored his equipment orange as a Halloween prank.

New York Rangers goalie Gilles Gratton wanted an appropriate mask for the '76-'77 season. Enter "Feline Nightmare"—the mask that paved the way for today's designs.

Soviet goaltender Vladislav Tretiak wore a birdcage style mask against Canada in 1972, although it wasn't until the '80s that this style became popular.

Today's masks are mask/cage hybrids, like this *Slap Shot*-inspired design worn by the St. Louis Blues net-minder, Hannu Toivonen.



HALT, DEATH!

How does a gas mask keep bad things from entering the lungs?

ANTHRAX

To stop bacterial matter, your gas mask should pack a biological particle filter, which is a super-fine strainer. An anthrax spore is tiny—as small as a micron—but particle filters can stop chunks a third that size.

SARIN GAS

Many gas masks have a layer of activated charcoal, a very absorbent form of carbon that traps deadly chemicals. Ask for it by name!

CHLORINE GAS

Fight chemicals with chemicals. Sodium thiosulfate, for example, was used in WWI gas masks to neutralize chlorine gas. Different filters combat different chemicals. The bad news: No one filter protects against everything.

KNIT MASK!

Not in a war zone? Enjoy the paranoid stylings of a gas mask on the cheap, like this guy! See craftster.org for details.



LOG ON TO WWEKIDS.COM NOW!



BIG RED

It's dusk in Tampa, and John Cena takes a moment to admire his **2006 Dodge Ram SRT 1500** in the cinematically diffused sunlight. He gingerly runs his hands

along the interstices of the vehicle's massive grille—an aggressive maw of metal teeth—and says matter-of-factly, "This is my utility vehicle." Without warning, he bounds onto the hood, which sits a good five feet above the ground. Even The Champ's muscular frame is dwarfed by the sheer enormity of the Ram. "I needed something like this in case I have to tow something or drive around a bunch of people."

While on a trip to his local Dodge dealership to ogle the new 2007 Challengers, The Champ noticed the mammoth maroon truck looming in the showroom, and it demanded a test drive. Cena was told the previous owner was an elderly man—who only sold the utility vehicle because of the difficulty he had getting in and out of the car.

"He bought it with all the extra options, like auto running boards, air filter, exhaust—you name it," says Cena. "So I had to consider it."

While the Ram is not nearly as exotic as the rest of the muscle cars in Cena's impressive fleet, it's no ordinary gas guzzler. Lurking under the hood is a Viper V-10 engine pumping out 500 horses, the same one that powers Dodge's iconic speedsters.

"The SRT 1500 actually holds the record for the fastest pickup," says Cena, with more than just a little bit of pride in his voice. "Straight out of the factory, this is my fastest ride."

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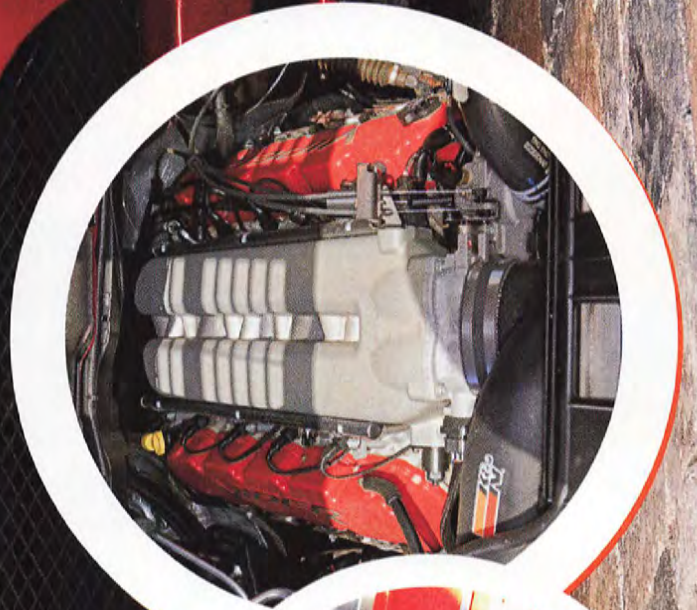
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ON THE ROAD

...AND YOU'RE RIDIN' SHOTGUN

BY MATT BERICAL PHOTOGRAPHY BY BOB CROSLIN



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POWER 500HP
TRANSMISSION AUTOMATIC
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0-60MPH 5.4 SECONDS
EXTERIOR MAROON

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THE LOWDOWN

PRICE \$29,000
ENGINE 3.2 LITER V-6
TRANSMISSION SIX-SPEED AUTOMATIC
POWER 265HP
0-60 6.4 SECONDS
TORQUE 258 LBS.-FT.
MPG 19-CITY/28-HIGHWAY
BASE APPEAL



AUDI A4

Why buy a drab sedan when you can score some automotive fine art for nearly the same price? With that in mind, may we suggest the '09 **Audi A4**? The vehicle's best-in-class Quattro AWD system finally sports a power bias toward the rear wheels for overcoming fishtailing, while a new system alters handling via two settings: "Comfort" softens the ride, and "Dynamic" speeds up everything from throttle response to shift times. An Audi's interior is still the comfiest place to plant one's derriere, and they've upped the backseat elbow room, too—not that you should allow guests in your four-wheeled fortress of solitude. audiusa.com



Q CAN I LEASE A SUPERCAR?

A Clearly, the terrorists have not won, because you can lease a supercar. American companies such as Premier Financial Services—premierfinancialservices.com—are happy to help.



Seeking a new \$372,200 Lamborghini Murcielago LP640 Roadster? According to Premier, it'll only cost you \$3,600 per month. The catch? A \$100,000 down payment! For guys who like 'em a little older, Premier will also aid in the financing of classic vehicles; the company says it recently helped one lucky gentleman purchase a 1961 Ferrari 250 GT SWB SEFAC (for \$57,000 a month, with a hefty down payment). And when you get bored with your über-ride and want to trade it in, Premier lets clients terminate the lease at any time. Hey, maybe it's time you tried something on in a Bugatti blue.

HYUNDAI GENESIS

Hyundai, the company that rolled out the crap-tacular Accent, now brings you the **Genesis**, which provides BMW 5-series-like class for \$15K less. Pick-me-up comes courtesy of a 3.8-liter V6, though the optional V8 (with 375 ponies) is enticing, especially when you consider that the \$59,500 Mercedes E550 boasts about the same zip. Also, this ride is loaded with Bluetooth, adaptive leveling

headlights, eight bumper-mounted sensors for tight parking, and an ear-melting 17-speaker sound system. Leather is everywhere inside, and Hyundai left its badge off the exterior, so valets won't give you crap. hyundaigenesis.com



THE LOWDOWN

PRICE \$29,000
ENGINE 3.8 LITER V-6
TRANSMISSION FIVE OR SIX-SPEED AUTOMATIC
POWER 290HP
0-60 5.5 SECONDS
BASE APPEAL



MERCEDES? MERCY!

The new **Black Series** is seriously sexy

Mercedes recently hussed up its **SL65 AMG** convertible with its **Black Series** (North America production is limited to only 200 cars). More than 550 pounds have been shed by replacing the folding convertible top with a fixed carbon fiber roof and applying the lightweight composite to the rest of the chassis. Engineers coaxed an extra 59 ponies from the twin-turbo 6.0-liter V12 up front for a total of 670hp and 738lbs.-ft. of torque. You'll hit 60 in 3.9 seconds and max out at 199 mph...for only \$320,000.



BLACK BEAUTY





WHAT'S IN YOUR TRAVEL BAG?

Hornswoggle submits to our random luggage search and, lo and behold, we find Muppets, *Madden* and miniature moos.



1 IPOD

"I have everything from AC/DC to every entrance theme ever produced."

2 KODAK EASYSHARE V1003

"You never know when you're going to take a picture, so I always carry this with me. I've got shaky hands though, and my pics come out blurry."

3 SONY PORTABLE DVD PLAYER/DVDS

"I own more than 120 DVDs—everything from *My Name is Earl* to *The Muppet Show*. I love the Muppets. I'm one of the world's biggest Muppets freaks."

4 GARMIN GPS

"I need this badly—I don't get out much, so I'm horrible at finding places."

5 NOXZEMA WIPES

"As you can see, these don't really work that well on my face."

6 PALM TREO

"This is my seventh Treo. I hate the phone because it has so many problems, but I don't want to get a different model because I love the design."

7 HAT

"This is my ninth hat. They get ruined during travel so I stuff them with clothes. If any fan wants to make me a hatbox, that'd be great."

8 CUSTOM SNEAKERS

"These are what I like to call my 'Air Swogs.' I got them custom-made at nike.com. They fit me perfectly."

9 BABY COW

"This is Baby Cow. A friend of mine gave him to me the first day I came to WWE, and I've carried him in my bag ever since for good luck."

10 PSP

"Sometimes we have *Madden* tournaments. I lost to Tommy Dreamer in the finals; he's a good player. The Miz is not."



And you
thought the
toll was the
worst part.



WHEN THE ANIMAL ATTACKS!

In his first interview since leaving *SmackDown*, Batista lashes out about his forced relocation to *Raw*, the dwindling respect for tradition in the locker room and the one thing that really sets him off.
BY ROB BERNSTEIN PHOTOGRAPHY BY MATT HOYLE

In recent months, *Raw* has been a lawless land, with Superstars rewriting the rules to suit their own manic whims. Even the installation of Mike Adamle as GM has been akin to a band-aid on a broken leg. But if you've been taken aback by the chaos unfolding on Monday nights, you'd better brace yourself for what's about to happen. After a three-year absence, Batista has come home. Wherever Batista goes, success seems to follow. Making the move back to *Raw* means the reignition of feuds with the likes of Randy Orton, the re-teaming with former allies such as Rey Mysterio and the rekindling of some unfinished business with Monday night's top dog, John Cena. Coiled and ready to strike, the Animal unloads on everyone in his path as he prepares to run roughshod on *Raw*. ➡

WHEN THE ANIMAL ATTACKS!

Now that you report to the "office" on Monday nights, has your world been turned upside-down?

Honestly, the move didn't affect my day-to-day living at all. I center my life around my job, and aside from it being nice to have Fridays off, my life hasn't changed much.

Are you telling us that you don't miss Edge? Just a little bit?

Of course, I miss some of the guys. I've been with *SmackDown* since 2005. When I came aboard, we were busting our asses to make it the place to be. *SmackDown* has been called the B-show, and I never felt that way about it, especially toward the end when we were competitive with *Raw* in every aspect: the ratings, talent, attendance. Hell, there wasn't one category it could beat us in. So it's kind of strange to think that I'm now on *Raw*.

Was there anything you looked forward to with regard to *Raw*?
I was looking forward to going

body's respect on *Raw*. But I'm a leader, so I'm not afraid to voice my opinion, and I think some guys will take things I say a little harshly. They'll think, "Who's this Johnny-come-lately?" A lot of guys don't know me, but people who do know me understand that I'm an honest guy, and that I wear my heart on my sleeve. It's just who I am, so either love it or leave it.

Are there unwritten rules backstage at *Raw* that all Superstars must abide by?

No. At the end of the day we are all in the same business, and we all believe in and follow the same traditions that have been passed down to us. It's really tough to keep those traditions of wrestling alive because there are a lot of younger kids coming into this business, and they didn't spend the years working in the independents. Some kids are starting really young, coming through developmental camps, which honestly is the way it happened for me. But I was a lot older. Some of these kids are getting signed at 20-years-old because they're big and muscular and look like me.

"IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, I DON'T TAKE A WHOLE LOT OF CRAP."

there with Rey Mysterio, but his injury has put a damper on things. Rey is one of my best friends. I love him to death. As a fan, I'd say he's one of my favorite Superstars of all time, so being in the ring with him is not only fun, it's an honor.

Do you have any big plans to shake things up a bit in the locker room?

On *SmackDown*, I was very much in a leadership role. Now, it's one of those things where I have to work my way up and earn every-

So we're trying to instill tradition in these younger guys.

If they'd listen, what's the one piece of advice you'd give these young 'uns?

If you want to be on top, then pay attention and study the guys who are already there. Sit down and watch their matches. Ask them questions, and ask them to watch your matches. It really helps. I learned more about wrestling riding in the car after shows with Ric Flair and Triple H than

RAPID FIRE FIVE!

Batista fields a fistful of random questions. Ready. Aim...

IF AND WHEN YOU ENTER THE HALL OF FAME, WHO'LL BE MAKING THE INDUCTION SPEECH?
I'd have to say my mom because I don't think anybody is more proud of me than her.



YOUR BIGGEST WEAKNESS?
I've got lots. I think the biggest is fried food.

THE ONE FLICK THAT ALWAYS MAKES THE ANIMAL SMILE?
I'm a big fan of *Office Space* and *Talladega Nights*. That movie kills me. I really love it when the kid says he's all jacked-up on Mountain Dew.

YOU'RE A COLLECTOR OF LUNCHBOXES. WHICH ONE HAS ELUDED YOU?
A 1954 Superman lunchbox. It's very valuable and very hard to find in good condition.

THE WORLD'S MOST INSANE AUDIENCE?
Seoul, Korea. I'll never forget the first time we went there. During the first match, when the Superstars locked up, the roof blew off the place. It was the loudest sound I've ever heard.

from watching tapes of myself. Of course, I was fortunate enough to ride with those guys—they're the best there's ever been. But I think that's the way you do it; after your match, you talk with these guys and find out what they liked and what they didn't like.

Among the newer Superstars on TV, who do you think has the most upside?

I really like MVP. He started later in life just as I did, and the progression he's made in just the last couple of years is tremendous.

I've always thought Mr. Kennedy is a huge talent, and we have yet to see the best of him. And Randy Orton, too. I don't think we've seen the best of Randy Orton by far. A new kid I really like is Ted DiBiase Jr. I think he's incredibly talented. He's good at everything. I think we are going to see great things from him.

Name the one thing that sets the Animal off backstage.

The thing that bothers me is when people aren't paying attention to what is going on. When they're not paying attention to the matches, and just going about their day and having fun. Hey, I want everybody to be in good spirits backstage, but at the same time I want everybody to be professional. At the end of the day, we're all at work.

During this year's WWE Draft, you collided with Edge during a 15-man rumble. You were bloodied, and Edge could barely stand. Was that the most painful moment of the year for you thus far?

It wasn't as painful as it looked. It knocked me silly for a second and I was sore afterward, but it really didn't hurt all that bad at the time. The worst I felt was probably when Khali chopped me in the back and it felt like my spine bent in half.

That punishment can prematurely end a career. How many more years do you think are left in Batista's tank?

The weird thing, man, is that I'm in better shape now than I have been in years, so physically I'm great. I'll be 40 in January. I started my career when most athletes retire. I'm not going to go as long as Ric Flair. I'm not that talented. But I'll keep going as long as I can physically.

You give Ric Flair a lot of credit for your successes. Share a nugget of his wisdom with us.

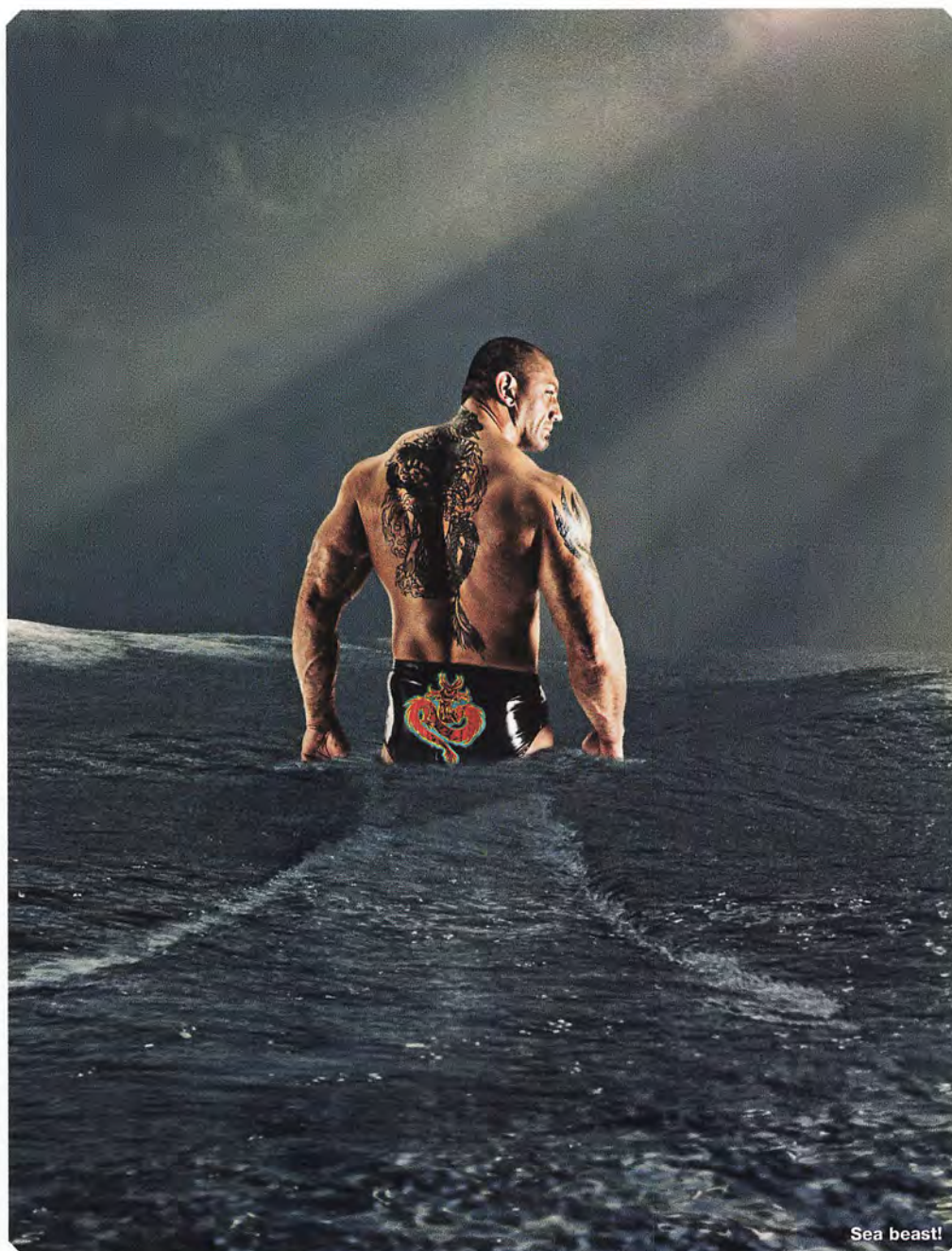
The one thing I always remember Ric saying is, "If you want to be a champion, dress like a champion." That was something we took to heart in Evolution. We wanted to look like four champions, and we dressed the part. I picked up a lot from Ric. The funny thing is, I never give my father, who's a hairdresser, a whole lot of credit for instilling much in me, but he did give me a sense of fashion.

You must be a tailor's nightmare, what with your sheer size. What does it cost to dress the Animal?

About \$3K-\$4K per suit. But it's not just clothing. I had to customize one of my cars, a Lamborghini. And I had my bike customized, too. Chuck Palumbo built it from the ground up. It's truly unbelievable.

One thing we could never figure out was the origin of your entrance routine.

The entrance and the knee slap stuff are kind of an homage to Sumo wrestling. I love Sumo. As for the pyro, when they started developing it, Shane McMahon said it was kind of like a machine gun going off and so....



Sea beast!

Being a big guy, do people always ask you to lift things?

Constantly. Girls always want me to pick them up. Guys want me to press them over my head.

Are you good about obliging the wishes of fans?

I'm a picture guy. This may sound strange, but sometimes signing autographs makes me a little uncomfortable. I find it strange to put my name on a piece of paper, knowing it'll just end up in a drawer somewhere. A picture



Bloody Batista, from the 2008 Draft rumble.

seems much friendlier, and a lot more personal.

Do obnoxious fans get to you during your walk to the ring?

Oh, all the time. I don't mind being booed, but I don't like it when people get personal. I came out with my book and wrote a lot of personal stuff, and people use that to say things that are very hurtful. I'll take offense and I'm not afraid to let them know. In case you haven't noticed, I don't take a whole lot of crap. 🐼

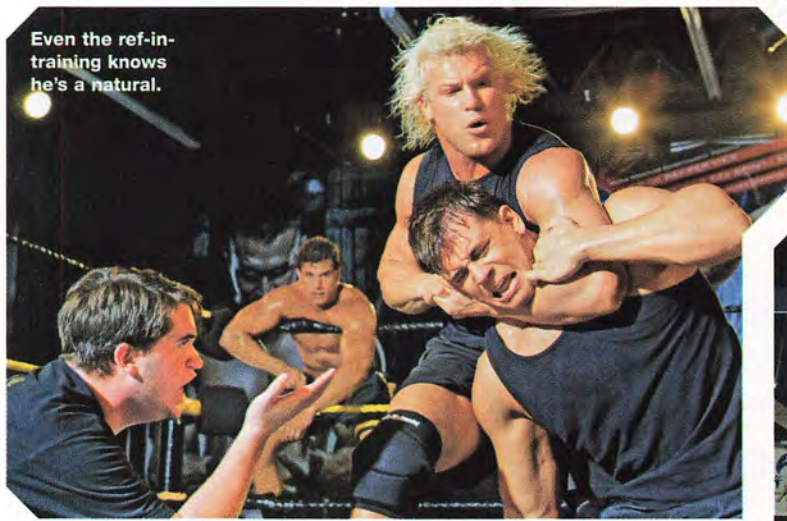


TOMORROW'S WWE SUPERSTARS... TODAY!

The future of WWE resides in a warehouse where dozens of would-be Superstars and Divas vie for their shot to become the next John Cena. WWE Magazine was given unlimited access to the brand-new facility, its trainers and trainees.



Even the ref-in-training knows he's a natural.



Big men doing battle live!



BY ANDREW VONTZ
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ALEX TEHRANI

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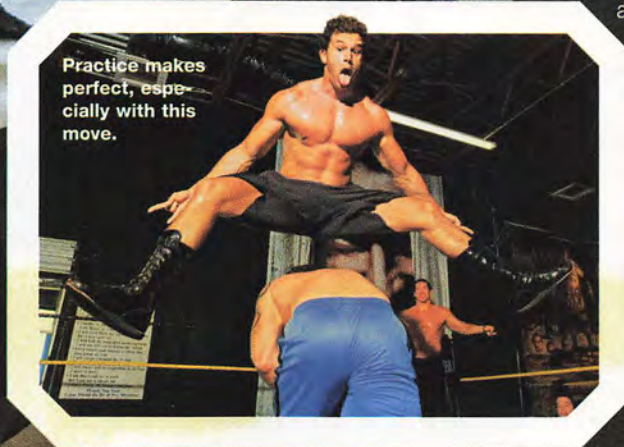
on a luminous July Tuesday, it's thundering inside Florida Championship Wrestling's state-of-the-art training facility, where 50 Superstar hopefuls line the ropes of the building's three adjacent rings. Situated a few miles from downtown Tampa, FL, FCW plays host to highfliers, submission specialists, muscled big men, fresh recruits, seasoned indie circuit vets and dazzling would-be Divas. They've journeyed from Canada, Mexico, Europe and every corner of the contiguous 48 to train here at WWE's official minor league feeder school. Having left behind jobs, spouses and children, each now takes turns slamming the mats, climbing the ropes and practicing moves. School is in session; Superstar training school, that is. "We're all under contract with WWE, and we're here to develop wrestling skills, mic skills, our personalities, something marketable," says Jay Bradley, one of the well-traveled big men in the ring, between heaving breaths.

Sheamus O'Shaunessy, a mass of imported Irish muscle and white skin crowned by spiked red hair, takes a turn smacking himself off the mat, and leaps up to the ropes, a torrent of sweat gushing down his refrigerator-sized torso. There's no audience watching, no glory to be had, but like everyone else at FCW, O'Shaunessy has his eyes on the prize. "A year from now I hope to be up there on the main roster kicking ass," he says.

Some former FCW students, such as Ted DiBiase, Kofi Kingston and Natalya Neidhart, have already moved up to the big-time. The rest burnish their craft and wait, hoping to stand next in line for a shot.



Double Diva action!



Practice makes perfect, especially with this move.

Students receive regular progress reports—and not everyone makes the cut. Others, like Tyrone Jones, are tantalizingly close to realizing their dreams. “I got the call to go up to *Raw* this past week,” he says in a tone that one day might easily fill the rafters of an arena. While he hasn’t made it onto TV yet, he’s scored a firsthand look at life at the top. “I’m ready for whenever it’s time to go. It makes me hungry—way more hungry.”

WWE Superstars are blessed with fantastic physiques, the ability to perform gravity-defying feats, and more magnetism than the Bermuda Triangle. And they have *the gift*, an innate quality that makes the WWE Universe go mad. But securing an opportunity to showcase that gift in front of the cameras takes years of hard work, a pinch of luck and lots of polish. The best of the best now end up at FCW for no-BS training. Monday through Friday, the next generation arrives at 9 a.m. with gallon jugs of ice water for stretching followed by in-ring work at 10 a.m. Then it’s a full day of working moves, matches, psychology and on-camera promo skills, all with the best trainers in the business.

On Tuesday nights, students have matches at Bourbon Street, a bar 45 minutes away in New Port Richey that draws fans of all ages. It’s a long work-week by anyone’s standards. “You work out two or three times a day just to keep your physique, your endurance,” says Brianna Bella, half of the Bella Twins, an aspiring Diva tandem. Students have the weekend off, unless of course they’re performing at a show somewhere in the Sunshine State.

WWE officially opened FCW’s training facility in November 2007. Formerly a BJ’s Wholesale Club—FCW boasts 10,000 square feet of space, including its giant, open



**"RESPECT:
GIVE IT.
EARN IT.
GET IT."
—THE FCW
MANTRA**



room with three rings. A fourth ring sits in an adjacent supersized room set up for shooting FCW matches in front of a live studio audience and local statewide broadcast. On Thursday evenings during filming, the Superstars-to-be enter the venue through a piece of company history, the old steel girder entrance once used on ECW. Two story-tall posters from pay-per-views past line the walls with menacing oversized images of the current generation of Superstars glaring down at the ring—constant reminders to up-and-comers of the legacy they must live up to.

"WWE needs to know what their guys are doing and if they're doing it the way we want them

to do it," says Dr. Tom Prichard. After more than two decades in sports-entertainment, Prichard now serves as one of FCW's main trainers, along with former cruiserweight star Billy Kidman, the inimitable Dusty Rhodes and FCW president Steve Keirn, whom fans might better remember as Skinner. Together, they boast nearly a century's-worth of sports-entertainment wisdom. This fearsome quartet are walking, talking wrestling encyclopedias that achieved superstardom and now share their exceedingly deep knowledge of the business. The silver-tongued Rhodes helps students dial in their promo skills and mic work; Prichard focuses on in-ring presentation; Kidman teaches the technical side of ring skills; and Keirn oversees the operation as a whole, serving

as a surrogate father to the students and maintaining contact with WWE corporate. "We try to give them more than just in-ring training; we try to prepare them for things as deep as being self-employed, paying taxes, picking up after yourself in the dressing room, and

being responsible for yourself," says Keirn. "Bottom line, we're looking for good people." As part of that mission, FCW frequently holds fundraiser events to aid charities in the Tampa community. It's all part of cultivating a championship mentality among students.

"I tell the guys, if you ever stop learning, or you ever have the perfect match, then you might as well retire, because the perfect match doesn't exist," says Kidman. But the most important thing the coaches look for at FCW is attitude. "Attitude means everything," says Prichard. "You don't always get the breaks you think you deserve, but all of a sudden you look back and



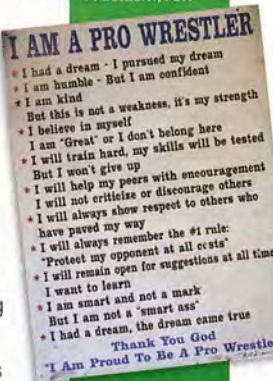
"Everybody asks, 'How do I get up there, what am I missing?' You're not going to find someone who excels in all areas; they're going to excel in one or two and then you're going to have to work with them."
—STEVE KEIRN,
PRESIDENT, FCW

say, you know why? Because I didn't approach it with as much ambition, passion and dedication as I should have." To hammer this point home, all the coaches sport black shirts emblazoned with the bright yellow motto they expect their students to live by: "Respect: Give it. Earn it. Get it." It's no joke, and to the coaches' credit, this punctual and exceedingly polite crop of talent exhibits people skills that surpass those of most high-level professionals with office jobs. They're skills the trainers know students must master in order to excel in front of and behind the camera.

After an abbreviated day of training, the hopefuls show up at Bourbon Street at 4:30 p.m. to start building the ring, as a team, for the evening's live event.

Three and a half hours later, fans crowd surprisingly close around the ring and chants taunts like "Afa sucks!" and hoot their way through a full card of matches. Some go over big. Others don't. But at

the end of the night, everyone joins together again to disassemble the ring and store it away for another round of action a week later. The next day, weary but eager, FCW wrestlers are back in the gym at 9 a.m. to stretch and warm up, and then in between the ropes to run more drills, just like they do every weekday—giving their hearts to the one thing they love more than anything else in life: the ring. They hope that their hard work will be worth it, that maybe one day they, too, will be immortalized in posters overlooking the FCW ring, living the lives of bona-fide Superstars, living the dream. ☼



**FCW's
Wrestler's
Creed, which
hangs
ringside.**



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—DR. TOM
PRICHARD,
TRAINER, FCW

Check back next month in **WWE Magazine** to meet the young faces of FCW destined to become tomorrow's titleholders and main eventers.

ABELEN



ADVICE

SmackDown's French-Canadian beauty reveals the tricks to picking up chicks in Montréal before professing her love of bikini contests, hockey and Chicken McNuggets.

You hail from Montréal. Does it really live up to its reputation as The Great White North's best party town?

Montréal is a really energetic town. If you want to go out, whether it's six in the evening or morning, you'll find somewhere to party like crazy.

We're sold. So where do we go?

In the summer I'd suggest you go to Old Montréal. ➡



BY JOHN MIHALY
PHOTOGRAPHY BY NAOMI HARRIS



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There are a lot of nice terraces, cafés and restaurants with excellent selections of fine wine. When the clock strikes 10 or 11, then it's time to go out. People say that Los Angeles is an eccentric city, but Montréal is way more out there than L.A.

More out there than L.A.?! Oh, please.

No, really. The city is very European. We have underground clubs. People there are stylish and love to party. I travel a lot, and I've noticed that a lot of people just go out to show off, but in Montréal, we party a lot because we just love it and want to have a good time. I'm ready to head out after this interview. That's why I'm wearing a Dolce & Gabbana dress as we speak.

So what makes Montréal women such freewheeling party animals?

Montréal has a diverse culture. Women there are from all over the world, so the city has a lot of different-looking ladies. That means there's a lot of choice for guys. Canada and Québec are like two different nations because in the latter we speak French. We're like a little country sitting inside a bigger country. If you're from Europe, you'd probably move to Montréal before New York. It has a lot to offer in terms of international schools, but we also party like crazy.

Last month, Katie Lea Burchill confessed that English women are more or less "easy." What about French-Canadian women?

Funny, from what I've seen of Katie Lea, she looks pretty easy. And I've been to England with friends, so I can attest to the fact that she's telling the truth. French-Canadian women are really outgoing, but also very sophisticated. If

you're not sophisticated, then you have no chance.

Bummer. Help us out: What should a red-blooded American male do to appear more sophisticated?

You have to know how to talk and be a man, to be able to get what you want. French-Canadian women tend to love the high-class stuff. Coming from Europe, their mentality is different. The guy needs to have something to say, and a nice personality. If you're good-looking but silent, you're going to get laughed at. So if you want to pick up a French woman, prepare your game.

Does that include learning a foreign language?

It helps to look more worldly. I know English. Now I'm learning Spanish and Italian. I practice in the airport, even if it's only five words, because I'm always waiting for a flight.

Aside from you, who is Montréal's greatest export?

Celine Dion. I respect her because she's from my hometown, and when she came to America she wasn't able to speak a word of English—just like me. A year and a half ago I couldn't speak a single word. I know what it's like when you can't express yourself—it's frustrating. But I'm not a big fan of Celine's singing. I don't listen to her in my car.

Celine Dion? We're shocked you didn't pick a hockey player.

OK, well, Patrick Roy is my favorite hockey player. I have his jersey. Now he's a coach, but we won't go into that.

You had the opportunity to appear in Timbaland's video for



Madame, you're no Gordon Lightfoot.

the song "Throw It on Me." Can you sing all the words to that tune?

Um, no.

Did you get major bucks for appearing in the video?

What I got was an amazing experience. Who cares about money when you get to shoot at Universal Studios with Timbaland! And I kissed him. It wasn't a French kiss, but still...a lot of men dream about getting kissed by me.

Timbaland probably appreciated all of your dance experience. We've seen photos of your bikini competitions...

You did your research, then. You're going all over the Internet to find photos of me, huh? Well, you're not the only one.

It was all done in the name of journalism. We swear! Anyway, give us your best dancing tip for dominating a bikini contest.

My best advice: smile. You can be sexy when you smile, yet a lot of girls never do. Also, I have awesome genetics; I'd like to thank my mom and my dad for that. And I love training, but I train because I like it; and I eat McDonald's when I want to eat McDonald's. I'm also a bit of an exhibitionist, so walking around in a bikini in front of 12,000 people is *awesome*. I love the attention.

Wait a minute, you order from the Dollar Menu?

I love Chicken McNuggets with honey. I can eat them every day. Someone recently told me they're not good for you, but it's chicken.

Quick: What's the most nuggets you've eaten in one day?

Twenty-five—and I don't think that's so bad. ☘



"Supersize moi, s'il vous plait."



BY **BRAD CURRAN**
PHOTOGRAPHY BY **NAOMI HARRIS**

HIRED MUSCLE

As enforcers for **La Familia**, **Curt Hawkins**, **Zack Ryder** and **Bam Neely** are the latest tough guys to break into WWE as Superstar bodyguards. Will they experience runaway success or don't-let-the-door-hit-you-on-the-way-out failure? Let history serve as a lesson.

BATISTA

Debut 5/9/02

First Taste of Gold World Tag Team Championship, 12/14/03 [with Ric Flair]

In spite of his association with Reverend D-Von, and carrying that collection box, the then-"Deacon" Batista always showed the makings of a champion. We all knew that one day he'd hammer those collected coins into championship gold. Jumping to *Raw*, he later served as Evolution's muscle, which is saying something, considering the stable's other members were Triple H, Randy Orton and Ric Flair.

SUCCESS!

FAILURE!

SID VICIOUS

Debut 2/20/95 [as bodyguard]

First Taste of Gold WWE World Title, 11/17/96

Sid, like Diesel before him, turned on the all-too-trusting HBK to emerge as WWE Champion. Sid crushed Shawn for the title at *Survivor Series 1996*, but The Showstopper had his vengeance at the '97 *Royal Rumble*, where he finally reclaimed his prize. And quite honestly, it looked a lot better around HBK's waist anyway.

SUCCESS!

FAILURE!

DIESEL

Debut 6/6/93

First Taste of Gold Intercontinental Title, 4/13/94

Diesel, aka Kevin Nash, went from helping Shawn Michaels wrest the I-C title from Marty Jannetty to wearing the World Championship in the course of a year. For a short time, Big Daddy Cool even eclipsed HBK's popularity and success, emerging as a Triple Crown Champion. That did not sit well with Shawn, however, who had the last laugh by defeating Diesel in a sadistic Street Fight at the aptly-titled *Good Friends, Better Enemies* PPV. In a bizarre twist, Nash sought Michaels' help in 2002, when he attempted to resurrect the nWo.

SUCCESS!

FAILURE!

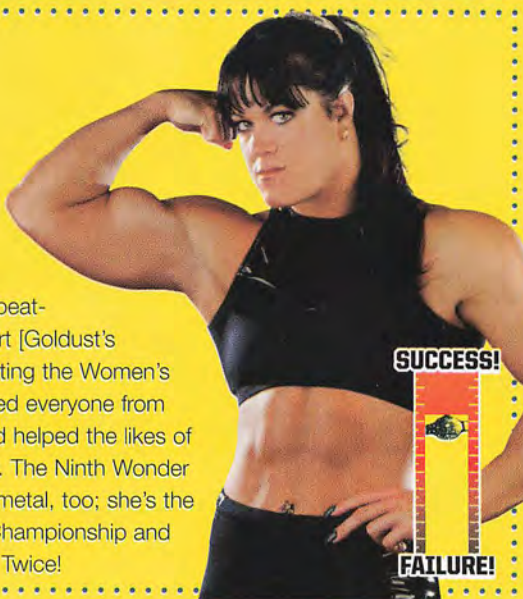


CHYNA

Debut 2/16/97

First Taste of Gold Intercontinental Championship, 10/17/99

Chyna, remembered as a sports-entertainment trailblazer for women, began her career by beating up another Superstar's consort [Goldust's valet, Marlena], on the way to routing the Women's Division. She even (wo)manhandled everyone from Sgt. Slaughter to Mark Henry, and helped the likes of DX and Eddie Guerrero hold gold. The Ninth Wonder carried her fair share of precious metal, too; she's the only woman ever to win the I-C Championship and to compete in the Royal Rumble. Twice!



VIRGIL/VINCENT

Debut 1986

First Taste of Gold Million Dollar Championship, 8/26/91

Mike Jones is to bodyguards what mall security is to law enforcement, only rent-a-cops have much cooler uniforms. Jones' first turn in the spotlight was as Ted DiBiase's candy-cane-striped-bepantsed manservant Virgil. After tiring of DiBiase's constant abuse—primarily emotional, occasionally physical—Virgil struck out on his own. He trained with Roddy Piper and parlayed his newfound skills into a rare victory: winning the Million Dollar Championship from DiBiase at *SummerSlam* 1991. Unfortunately, success was fleeting, and Virgil peddled his wares to WCW, becoming Vincent, the nWo's Head of Security.



JESUS

Debut 10/28/04

First Taste of Gold Protecting Carlito's U.S. Championship

Jesus [pronounced "Hey Zeus"] is the definition of "flash in the pan." His biggest claim to fame was putting John Cena on the shelf, and stalling a rematch between Caribbean Cool and Cena for the U.S. title. The Champ eventually met Jesus in a Street Fight at *Armageddon* 2004, where the lackey was FU'd back into obscurity.



TEST

Debut 10/25/98

First Taste of Gold Hardcore Championship, 1/17/00

This former Mötley Crüe bodyguard traded in his rock 'n' roll lifestyle for a role in The Corporation. He helped Superstars from The Rock to Shane McMahon cling to gold before garnering singles titles of his own. And yet, we best remember him for his dalliances with the ladies: heck, he almost married Stephanie McMahon!

BULL BUCHANAN

Debut 3/9/00

First Taste of Gold WWE World Tag Champion, with Right to Censor

In his days as a battle rapper, John Cena hired Bull "Bling Bling" Buchanan as backup. This wankster cost himself and Cena the tag titles in a match against Los Guerreros. As a result, Cena debuted new heavy Rodney Mack, who crushed B-2's shoulder and sent him packing.

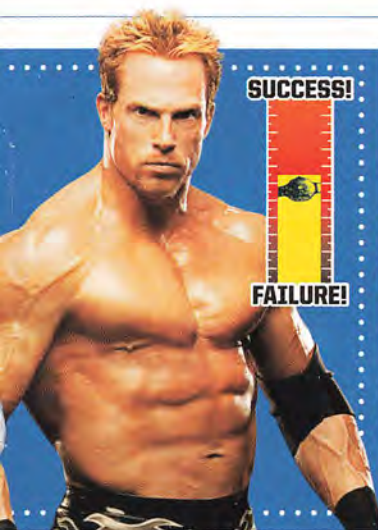
LUTHER REIGNS

Debut 4/29/04

First Taste of Gold Caring for Kurt Angle's Medals

There's a sadness to Luther's last name, as he never reigned once during his brief WWE career. He debuted as the bodyguard-cum-wheelchair-driver for then-*SmackDown* GM Kurt Angle. Though he struck quite a pose as the world's most imposing orderly, Reigns fell way short against 'Taker and Big Show in singles competition before his 2005 WWE exit.





SUCCESS!



FAILURE!



SUCCESS!



FAILURE!

MR. HUGHES

Debut 1993, 1997, 1999 in WWE

First Taste of Gold Still waitin'...

Hughes is well-traveled, boasting runs in WWE, WCW and the original ECW. Alas, Hughes' is a quintessential case of quantity over quality. The WWE Superstars he watched over, including Triple H [who replaced him with Chyna] and Chris Jericho, enjoyed their greatest successes after dumping him.

His singles career fared even worse, in spite of a match with 'Taker in '93. Having Harvey Wippleman in his corner probably didn't help any.



SUCCESS!

FAILURE!

BASHAM BROTHERS

Debut 11/25/05 [as JBL's Secretaries of Defense]

First Taste of Gold WWE Tag Team Championship, 10/23/03

All you really need to know about the Basham Brothers is that their boss, JBL, couldn't even tell them apart. The duo saw modest success as Bradshaw's security, but they're more memorable for the asskickings they took from JBL's opponents. As for their singles careers on *Raw* and *SmackDown* [actually, on *Heat* and *Velocity*], these bros were no-gos.



SUCCESS!



FAILURE!

RALPHUS

Debut 9/13/98

First Taste of Gold Um, right.

During his WCW quest to goad Goldberg into a title match, Chris Jericho mocked his rival's elite security detail by hiring his own one-man gang: Ralphus, a bald, portly behind-the-scenes WCW truck driver. With the body of a gourd, this "bodyguard" was left behind when Jericho jumped ship to WWE.

SUCCESS!



FAILURE!



ENFORCERS



Although these Superstars had already tasted success in WWE, they still found time to moonlight as for-hire heavies.

A.P.A.



Realizing that beer isn't cheap, and that the Deadman doesn't pay well, The Acolytes decided to go into business for themselves. Along the way, they squeezed three World Tag Team title reigns into a busy schedule that included poker games, bar fights and poker games that turned into bar fights. Conducting business in their backstage office, Bradshaw and Faarooq were willing to watch anyone's back for a price.

BOB ORTON JR. AND DICK SLATER



Established roughnecks Orton and Slater dismantled No. 1 Contender Ric Flair with a spike piledriver and then collected the bounty put out by NWA Champion Harley Race. Flair had the last laugh; he took on Orton and Slater with a baseball bat and defeated Race for the NWA title at *Starrcade* in a steel cage, one of the signature wins of his career. Orton went on to serve as Roddy Piper's backup in WWE, helping him escape dozens of future beatings.

ANDRE THE GIANT



Even the Eighth Wonder of the World put in some time as a sports-entertainment mercenary. A frustrated Ted "Million Dollar Man" DiBiase hired Andre the Giant to take the WWE Championship from Hulk Hogan. Andre got the job done, but DiBiase didn't quite get his money's worth, as the WWE Commissioner vacated the title.

BIG BOSS MAN



No longer a Cobb County, GA, law enforcer, Big Boss Man turned to the private sector as a corporate goon, frequently executing Mr. McMahon's dirty work against Stone Cold Steve Austin, DX and Mankind. His trusty nightstick came in handy when his considerable brute force failed to get the job done. Along the way, he even picked up some gold to add to his résumé.

BIG SHOW



Big Show began his WWE career by tossing Stone Cold through a cage for Mr. McMahon at 1999's *St. Valentine's Day Massacre*. He then helped The Rock regain the WWE Championship from Mankind on *Raw*. He's also lent his man-mountain muscle to GMs from all three WWE brands while earning his prodigious weight in gold.

ARN ANDERSON



During the Four Horsemen's glory days, Arn watched Ric Flair's back so well that he became known as "The Enforcer." His interference and extracurricular beatings also helped the Nature Boy win many of his record 16 World titles. At the same time, Arn had the greatest success in his career, enjoying multiple TV and Tag Team title reigns in the NWA and WCW.

UMAGA



During their feuds with DX and Bobby Lashley, the McMahons heeded a popular construction-site adage: when you need something demolished, rent a bulldozer. WWE's first family unleashed Umaga upon anyone standing in their way, including fellow Billionaire Donald Trump. How long, we wonder, until Vickie Guerrero gets her hands on Umaga?

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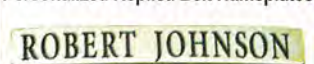
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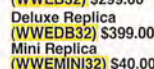


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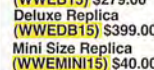
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Stuck raking leaves this weekend? Tend to your property and tone your bod at the same time!

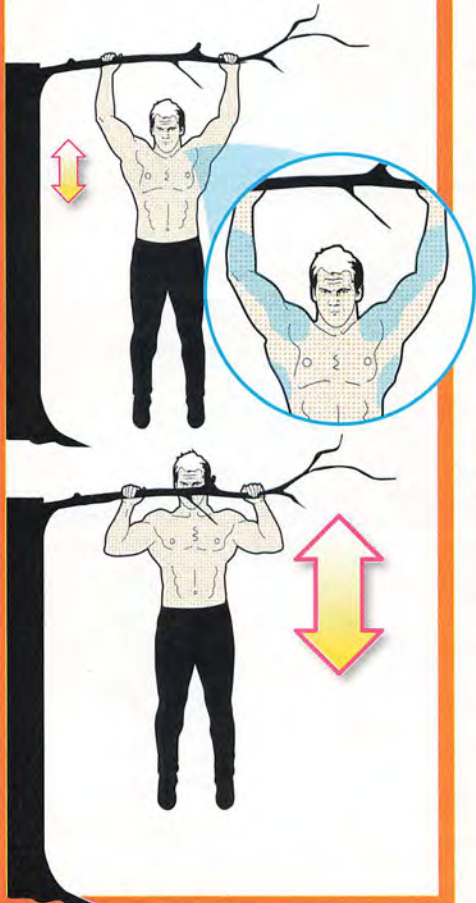
BRANCH PULL-UPS

THE SITUATION

It's time to rake your yard, but there are still a few leaves dangling from the trees.

THE EXERCISE

Shake the stragglers from the low branches by way of a few pull-ups. Choose a sturdy branch, extend your arms above your head and grab, making sure your palms are facing away from your body. Without swinging your legs for assistance, pull yourself up until your chin is over the branch, then slowly lower your body. Perform five to 10 pull-ups for three sets, alternating between standard, wide and narrow grips to ensure that the entire arm and back muscles are targeted.



RAKE SWINGS

THE SITUATION

Neighborhood kids keep jumping into your neat piles of leaves.

THE EXERCISE

Scare away the pre-pubescent pests by angrily swinging your rake in the air. Grab the top of the handle with both hands and raise the rake to one side like a baseball bat. Swing it across your body, from top to bottom, turning your torso when doing so. Done properly, this will work not only your forearms and shoulders, but also your core, specifically the obliques. Perform 30 reps and then repeat for the opposite side. It's harder than it sounds!



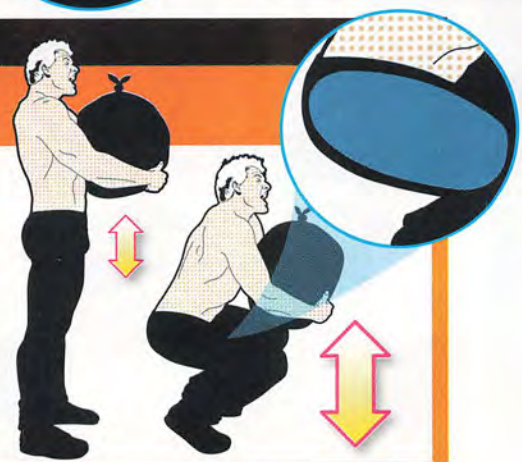
LEAF BAG SQUATS

THE SITUATION

Time to bag all that desiccated foliage.

THE EXERCISE

Perform squats with the leaf bags. Stand with your legs shoulder-width apart and hold a bag at your chest. While steadying it with your hands, squat down until your rear is just lower than your knees, then press up. The awkward size and weight distribution of the bag will help improve not only leg strength, but also balance.





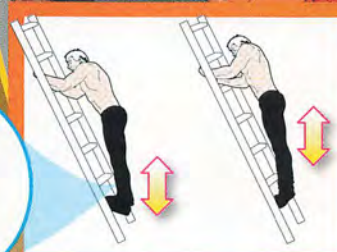
LADDER CALF-RAISES

THE SITUATION

Damn! You forgot to clean the frickin' gutters.

THE EXERCISE

As you climb the ladder, perform calf-raises on every rung. Position the balls of your feet on the rung, making sure your heels are lower than your toes when you are in the down position. Press up, and hold at the top for three seconds before dipping again. Perform 10 calf-raises on each step (on the way up and down).



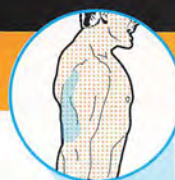
WHEELBARROW PUSH-DOWNS

THE SITUATION

It's time to cart off the gutter gunk and dump it into the neighbor's yard.

THE EXERCISE

Kneel facing away from the wheelbarrow, positioning your shoulders above the handles. Grip the handles with palms facing downward and your elbows bending 90°. Press down until your arms straighten. Then rise up to the starting position. Done properly, this exercise should work the triceps. Perform 10 reps every five feet.



THE HOME DEPOT DASH

All out of yard supplies? Kill calories and beat the crowds at the superstore with this quick cardio session.



GARDEN SHUFFLES

The narrow rows of potted plants and stacked bags of peat moss in the gardening area are difficult to navigate via a shopping cart, but they're ideal for shuffling exercises. At one end of an aisle, face the shelves and shuffle to the opposite end, making sure never to cross one foot over the other. Repeat in every aisle or until the overwhelming fumes of dampened fertilizer cause you to pass out.



CHECKOUT CHALLENGE

JUMPING JACKS

While you wait for the dude in front of you to finish arguing with the cashier about the cost of brass fixtures, maintain your sanity by performing some jumping jacks. Do as many sets of 50 as you can until your desire to smash his teeth out with a monkey wrench subsides.



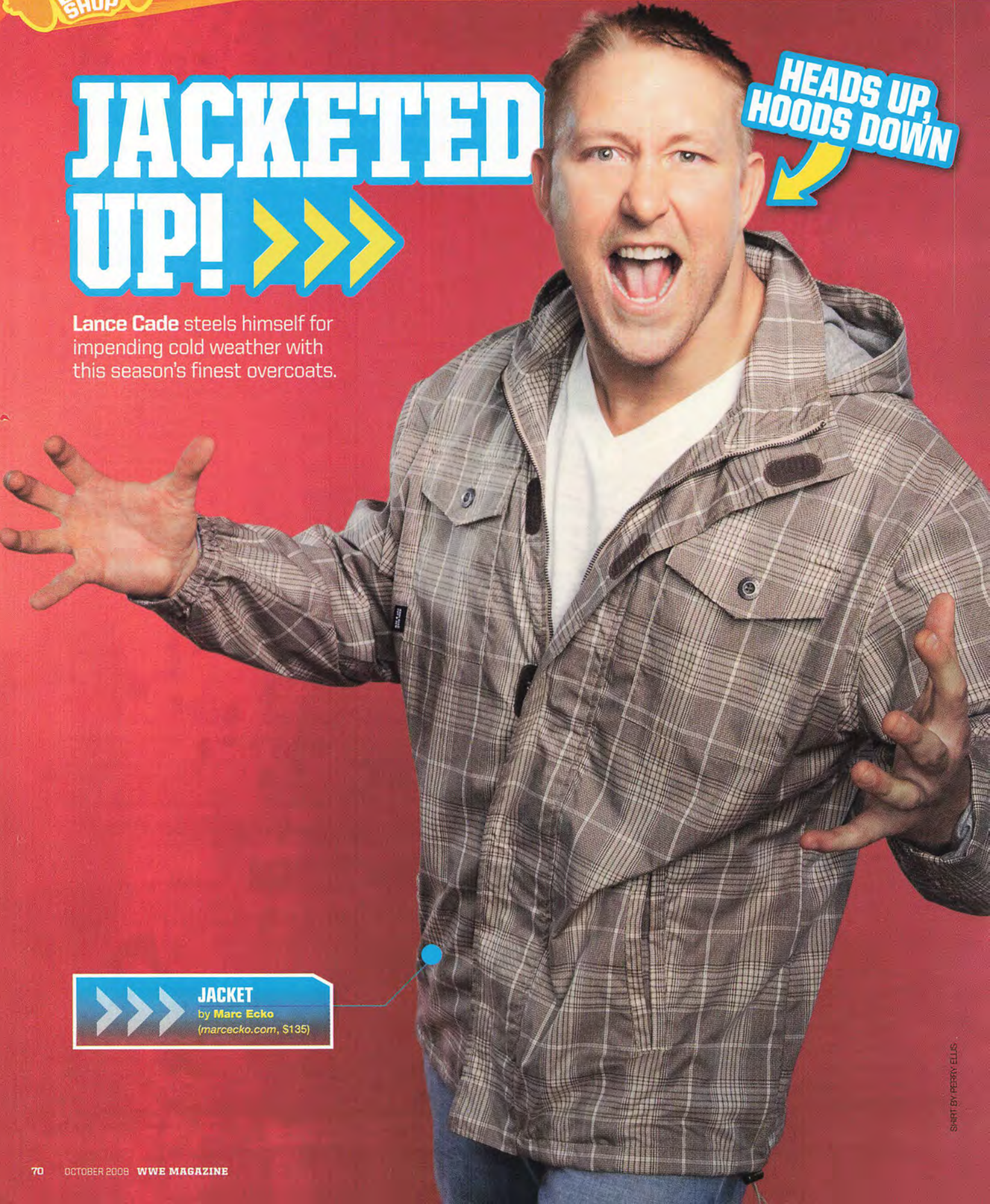
LOADING ZONE SHUTTLE RUN

Sprint to your truck, grab cones from the trunk and then sprint back to the loading zone as fast as you can. Once you position the cones, return to your car, but this time drive back before any sneaky contractors can snag your spot.

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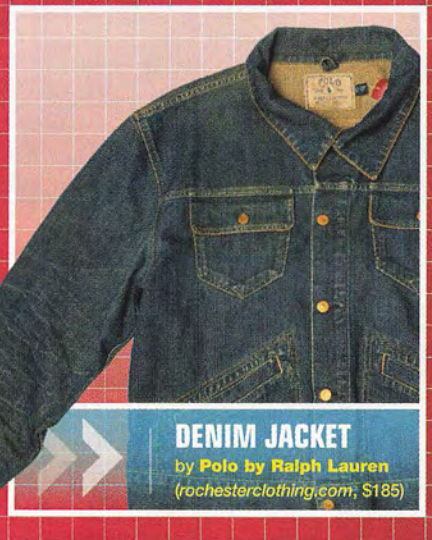
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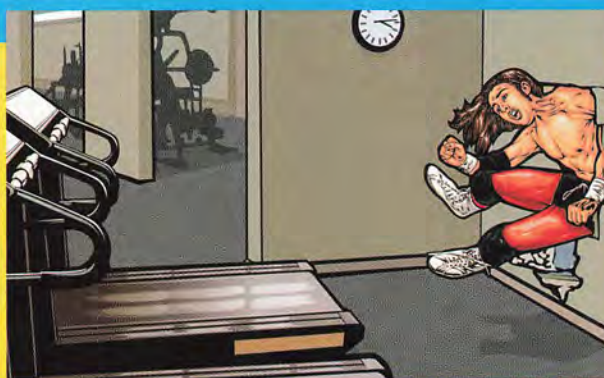
GRAPPLING WITH... MUSCLE SORENESS

Assuage those aches and pains with tips from **Chris Stevenson, CSCS**, owner of Stevenson Fitness in Los Angeles.

WITH COLIN DELANEY

COOL DOWN

After a workout do you feel like you've just been pummeled by the Punjabi Giant? The first step to lessening your muscle soreness is to perform a proper post-workout cooldown. Says Chris, "Hop on the treadmill and jog, gradually slowing your pace every few minutes until your heartrate comes down and your breathing normalizes." This will ease your body back to a normal state and reduce muscle stress. Plus, it'll give you a good opportunity to scope out the action in the Pilates class.



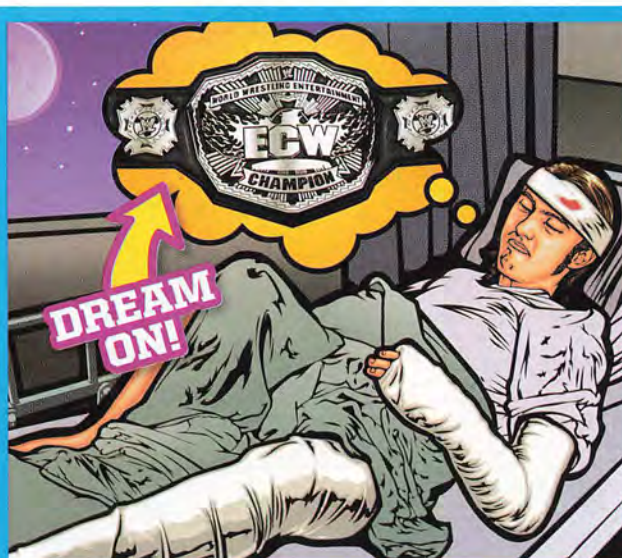
FEED YOUR MUSCLES

"Before your workout it's imperative to eat carbs," says Chris. "They provide fuel for your muscles so you'll have enough energy to exercise." Also, half an hour after a workout, eat protein. "It's the building block of muscles," he says. "But it also aids in soreness relief." Remember: all things in moderation. Don't negate your workout by scarfing down too much. Fool.



STRETCH OUT AND DRINK UP!

"Stretch the muscles you've worked to keep them from getting stiff," says Chris. Work them slowly, spending at least 30 seconds per muscle. And don't bob up and down; hold those stretches! Downing water is also key. "After your muscles break down, they produce a waste product called lactic acid. Water will help flush it out of your system and replenish the fluids you lost during your workout."



SLEEP IT OFF

"If you're not getting ample sleep, your muscles won't recover," says Chris. "Sleep is required for repair." Six to eight hours of Z's per night is ideal. Resting sore muscles is also critical. "You won't get a good workout if your muscles haven't recovered yet." Sometimes no pain is your gain.

IT'S A STRETCH

Imagine how sore these film victims must've felt after being twisted like Turkish taffy.



MEN IN BLACK

An innocent waiter gets folded like an ironing board and crammed in a cabinet by a giant bug wearing human skin.



FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER

During his bachelor party, Mr. Fantastic gets tangled up when grinding with some floozies. Needless to say, his arms weren't the only appendages that stretched.



THIRTEEN GHOSTS

While trying to save Tony Shalhoub from a ghost, Matthew Lillard is bent like a horseshoe around a steel pole. Ringer!



THE MANGLER

The victims in this lame B-horror flick (starring Robert Englund, duh!) are sucked into a demonic laundry machine and pressed. Luckily, it went light on the starch.

Monthly Mobile Madness!



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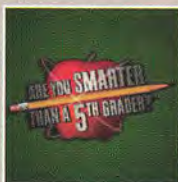
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BABY GOT BACK



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ASK

Mickie & Morrison

Our hygiene gurus offer words of wisdom on barely-there brows, fingernail feasts and proper zit popping.

Q I'M EMBARRASSED TO ASK, BUT HOW CAN I MAKE MY ALMOST NONEXISTENT EYEBROWS THICKER? DON'T SAY HAIR TRANSPLANT!

A MICKIE You can draw them in with an eyebrow pencil but, if you're really desperate, then get them tattooed on. But why don't you just embrace who you truly are?

MORRISON He doesn't want to hear your self-help blather, Mickie. Listen, man—try shaving them, and hope that they grow back thicker. If they don't come in at all, though, then take a picture of yourself and post it on the Internet so I can laugh at you.

THE PRO SAYS "If you want a quick fix, using Vaseline is one of the oldest Hollywood insider tricks," says Billy Lowe, Beverly Hills celebrity beauty expert. "Just blot it onto the brow area once a day before bed-time for two to three months."

DON'T CALL ME BERT. OR ERNIE.

Q NO MATTER WHAT I DO, I CAN'T STOP BITING MY NAILS. GOT ANY ADVICE FOR BREAKING THIS BAD HABIT?

A MICKIE Get a clear-coat manicure. A lot of men do it, so don't think it's too feminine. It's nice when a man takes care of his hands, because there's nothing worse than visible dirt under fingernails.

MORRISON Nobody's looking at your nails, bub, and if they are, then they have problems of their own. Try to be a little bit more like the Shaman of Sexy: find your Buddha confidence within.

THE PRO SAYS "Nail-biting can enable germs to spread," explains Dr. Debra Gray King, DDS, of Atlanta Center for Cosmetic Dentistry. "Try coating your nails with a bitter substance, wearing gloves or chewing sugarfree gum. These are all helpful in the quest to break the bad habit."

I PUT THE "MAN" IN "MANICURE."

Q HOW CAN I POP A PIMPLE WITHOUT CREATING A SCAR?

A MICKIE

There's no proper way. You need to catch them before they form: Try to squeeze the dirt out of your pores before blemishes appear.

MORRISON

Just take care of your face—wash, exfoliate and use a facial mask. And buy that acne stuff all those whiny celebrities sell on TV.

THE PRO SAYS

"I would never recommend popping a pimple but, if necessary, make sure you do it after a shower, because the pimple will be softened by the steam," says Aesthetician Joanna Vargas, owner of Joanna Vargas Skin Care in NYC.

EDITORS' PICKS

ACNE ASSAULT!

Real men exfoliate. Just don't tell anyone.

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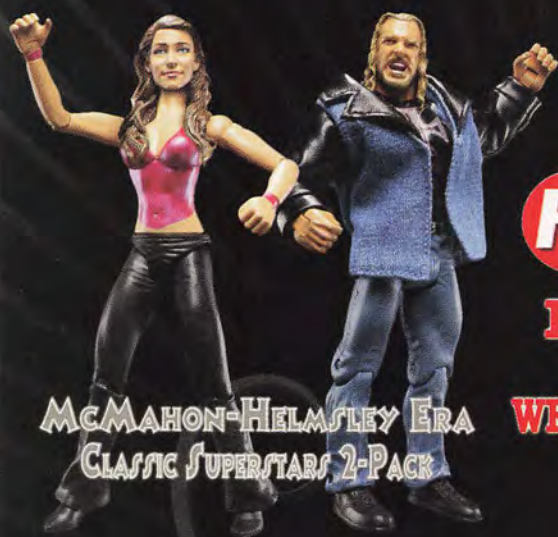
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REVIEWS

The newest games, DVDs, movies, music, and more—wrestled with and rated.

ROCK BAND 2

Xbox 360, PS3, Wii

Armed with an arsenal of new songs and features, *RB2* gives gamers more than enough reason to don some nut-huggers and live out the rock 'n' roll dream in their living rooms. The hardware isn't radically different from the first installment, but the subtle changes are superb. Guitars are now wireless across all platforms, and the drum kit has rubber-coated drumheads and a metal-reinforced kick pedal. The axes are also self-calibrating—hold one up to the screen, and a light-sensor in the controller adjusts for any delay problems with your TV.



Of course, none of this would mean a thing without killer setlists. All 84 songs are original master recordings. Plus, holdouts from Bob Dylan ("Tangled Up in Blue") join favorites from bands like The Who and Modest Mouse. New tracks and entire albums will be available online, and the game can import songs you've already downloaded for the original *RB*, so your previous shredding won't be lost to rock history. rockband2.com

"Rock Band is such a great party game. It's basically *Guitar Hero*, but expanded. As far as music games are concerned, I think *Guitar Hero* may have sung its last tune and the *Rock Band* series might be the new reigning champ."



MEET YOUR REVIEWERS!

GAMES CODY RHODES

"I have a giant flat-screen and all the next-gen systems so I can play every game!"

DVDs CRYME TYME

"What one of us doesn't like to watch, the other does. Between us, we don't miss a thing."

MOVIES MR. KENNEDY

"I love movies so much that I don't speak while watching them. It's that big of a deal!"



IT'S MY GAME

TRIPLE H


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DEAD SPACE

Xbox 360, PS3, PC

Being the only guy on a deserted spaceship is never a good thing. In this game, our luckless hero finds a horde of nasty alien creatures onboard, which he can only kill by hacking off their limbs with improvised weapons. Playing like *Resident Evil* in space, this title has plenty of dark, creepy corridors to explore and scary gotcha moments, plus some genuinely inventive elements, such as navigating weightless environments with a pair of magnetic boots. deadspace.ea.com



"*Fable's* concept was great. But the game was too linear. The world wasn't as open as I'd expected. In *Fable II*, though, the problem seems to have been fixed."



FABLE II

Xbox 360

The overhyped *Fable* was pitched as the ultimate do-anything, go-anywhere sword-and-sorcery RPG, but it never delivered the goods. This sequel gets a lot more right, including a clever co-operative system, in which friends can hop into your game at any point to help out. Despite the improvements, the odd mix of epic storytelling and bathroom humor blend about as well as champagne and farts. fable2.com



LITTLE BIG PLANET

PS3

A downloadable PS3 exclusive, this side-scrolling construction game is one of the most arresting visual experiences gamers will have this year. Take ordinary objects like sponges, wooden blocks and skateboards, and build them into imaginative obstacle courses for tiny puppet-like characters. Play through levels with three friends, or upload the creation and spread your creative juices all over the PlayStation Network. littlebigplanet.com



LEFT 4 DEAD

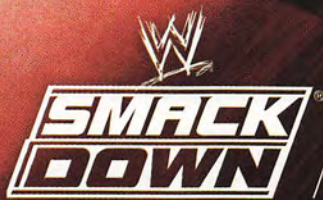
Xbox 360, PS3

Don't get left behind in this four-player co-op game, which channels equal parts *28 Days Later* and *Dawn of the Dead*, or else you'll find yourself the meat in a zombie sandwich. Spend your time running with pals to safehouses while trying to avoid legions of the undead—it's all about teamwork, and cocky lone gunmen will soon be lunch. Can't hack it as a survivor? Turn the tables and re-join the game as a zombie. Hey, if you can't beat 'em, eat 'em. l4d.com



IT'S MY PASSION

MARIA



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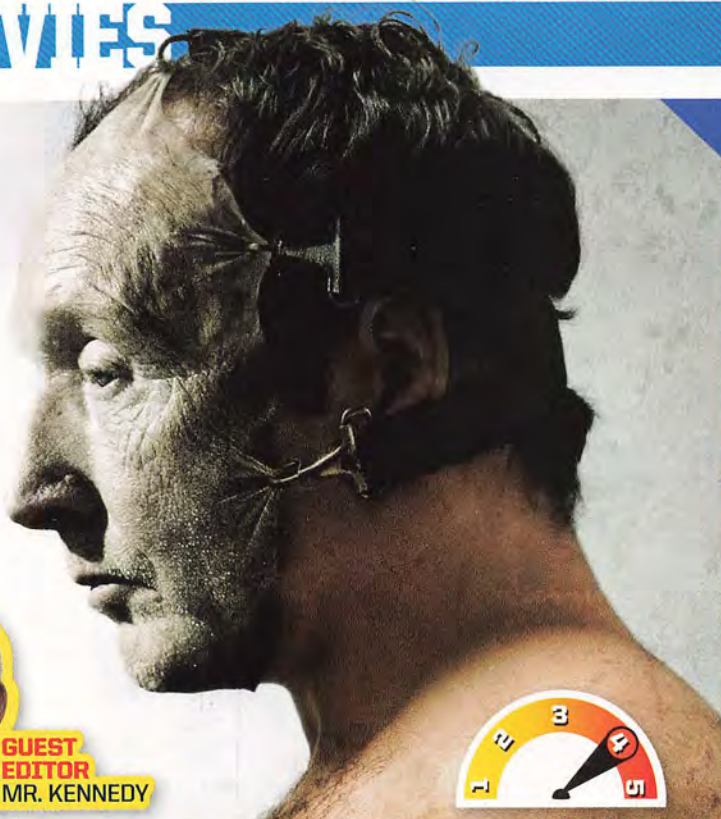


MOVIES

"I think the plot twists in the *Saw* movies have been great. In all four previous installments, I didn't figure out the twist until the end. They do very well in that regard, but they're getting a bit too gruesome for me."



GUEST EDITOR
MR. KENNEDY



SAW V

(LIONSGATE)

Maniacal dungeon-master Jigsaw may or may not be dead. While purists will no doubt ponder the feasibility of this puzzling plot twist, the rest of us will enjoy watching the slasher series do what it does best: placing ordinary people in traps that make the Spanish Inquisition look like child's play, and spilling buckets and buckets of blood in the process. This fifth installment includes seven new apparatuses in which victims are tested, tortured and torn apart limb by limb. According to director David Hackl, one of the new devices is so deadly that, during filming, paramedics were present to ensure the safety of actors should something go terribly wrong. Awesome!



ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORN
(THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY)

Zack (Seth Rogen) and Miri decide the best way to earn cash is by filming a skin flick and selling it to friends. The thought of seeing Rogen's man-parts makes us want to spray hot artificial popcorn butter in our eyes, but then again, Kevin Smith is directing...



QUARANTINE
(SCREEN GEMS/SONY PICTURES)

An LA news crew investigates an apartment complex mysteriously quarantined by the government, and guess what? They're attacked by roving hordes of zombies. We don't know what's worse, the tired plot or the nauseating handcam-POV action.



MAX PAYNE
(20TH CENTURY FOX)

Haunted by the murder of his family, Max Payne (Mark Wahlberg) "investigates" a series of murders by taking out everyone in his way. And with an assassin (Mila Kunis) aiding him on his quest, he might actually get his just desserts.

"I'm a big gamer, and thought *Max Payne* was great. I loved playing it. And I like Mark Wahlberg as an actor, too. But most video game movies have flopped, so this could go in that direction. I want it to be good, but I'm just not sure."



MR. FUJI'S MOVIE PICKS



THE DARK KNIGHT

"Batman scary, but Joker even more scarier! Sometime I shine flashlight out of window and try to make Fuji bat signal, but no one care. Sad Fuji."



WALL-E

"Silly robot clean planet for long, long time. He fall in love with robot lady who like him, too. Last time I fell in love with machine, I very shocked by it. HA HA."



WANTED

"Super secret killers control bullets with minds! Main character was Mothra-sized nerd, but then they help him turn tough. Maybe they help Colin Delaney!"



HANCOCK

"Fresh Prince play Superman who break buildings instead of saving dams. If I have superpowers I'd win Championships and break into banks for big time score!"

IT'S MY AIRTIME

JEFF HARDY™



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"I love Indiana Jones. He's one of my all-time favorite characters. I'm partial to *Temple of Doom*, but this one was pretty good, too. It's definitely going to be on my rental list."

GUEST EDITORS
CRYME TYME

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PARAMOUNT HOME ENTERTAINMENT/LUCASFILM LTD)

Old dogs may not be able to learn new tricks, but they can still kick plenty of ass. Case in point: 66-year-old Harrison Ford reprising his role as adventurer Indiana Jones. Joined by Mutt (Shia LaBeouf), Dr. Jones sets out to locate a skull thought to give magical powers to whomever wields it. Of course, others seek the skull, too—most notably Irina Spalko (Cate Blanchett). Not the best in Spielberg's series; then again, even his weaker efforts are riveting.

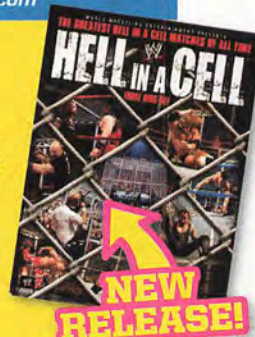
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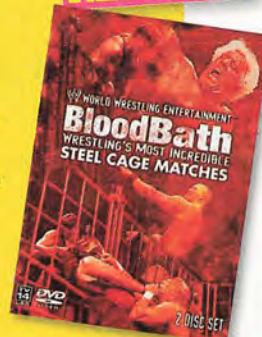
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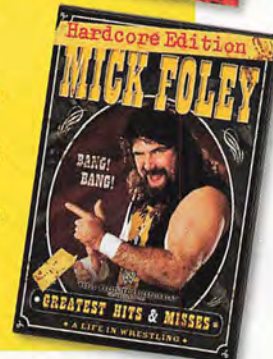
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BONUS FEATURES Deleted scenes that'll scare you stiff.



YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOCHAN (COLUMBIA PICTURES)

This Adam Sandler comedy will be remembered mostly, if at all, for cameos by the likes of Kevin James and Mariah Carey. Oh, and of course, Rob Schneider, as a cabbie hellbent on bringing Zohan down. Include this one on your must-not-see list.

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BEST DRAFT DEBUT

RAW TURNS 619

The first Superstar chosen during the 2008 WWE Draft was Rey Mysterio, and the highflier made his Raw in-ring debut defeating Santino Marella, who accused the luchador of being "the Batman." It was a small taste of what's to come on Monday nights. Booyaka! **7/7 Raw**

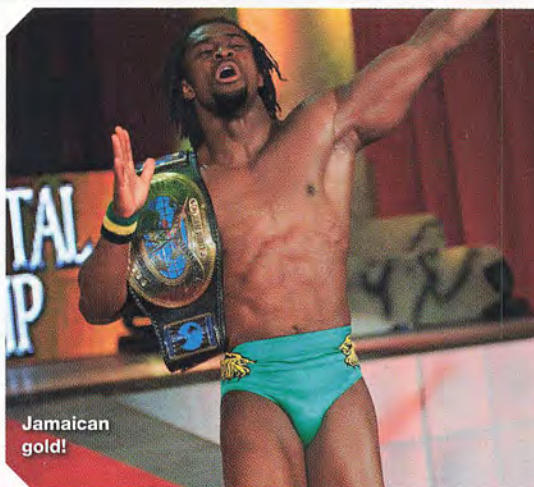




PUNK WINS THE BIG ONE • THE WEDDING GETS CALLED OFF • TRIPLE H VS. CENA II • KINGSTON SNAGS GOLD • KANE SNAPS • CENA SHOCKS JBL'S JEWELS • BETH PINS SANTINO • AND MUCH MORE!



Iron Hombres!

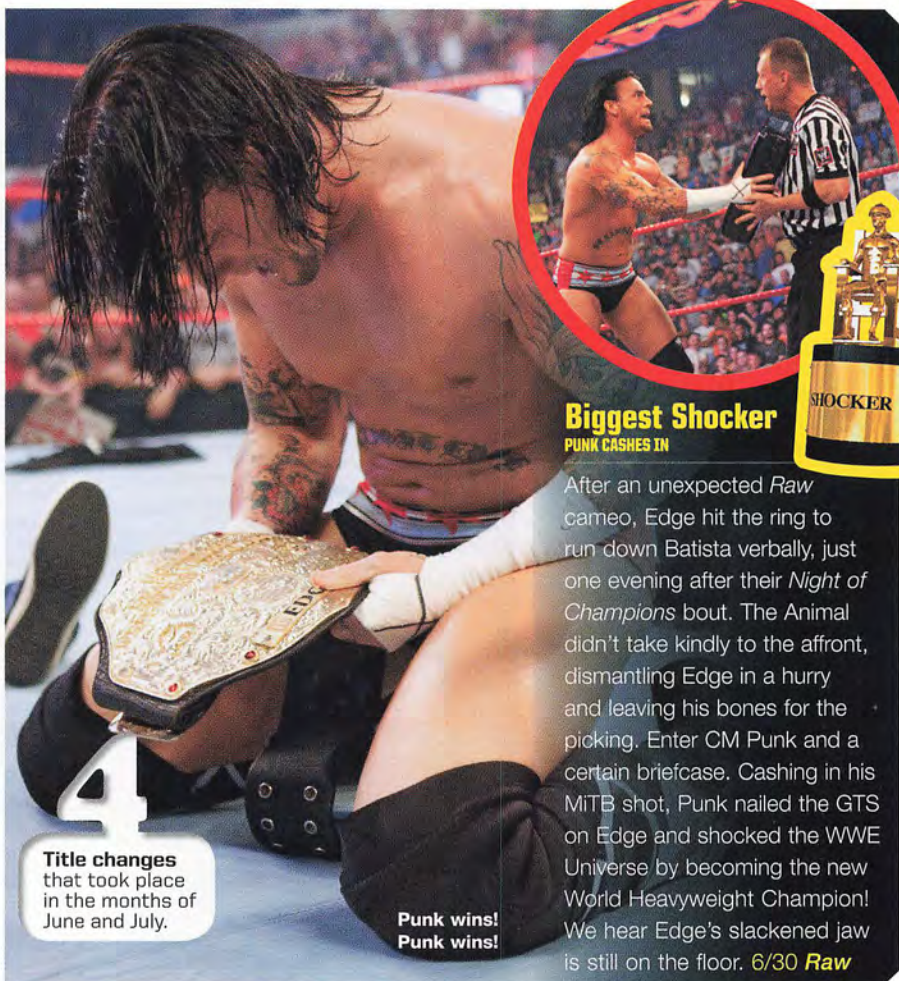


Jamaican gold!

New Champion!

KINGSTON GETS CROWNED

Y2J had no set opponent to face him for the I-C title at *Night of Champions*... until Jamaican sensation Kofi Kingston took up the challenge. *Boom, boom!* Thanks to a distraction from a half-blinded Shawn Michaels, Kingston was able to upend Jericho and score his first taste of gold, which had kind of a metal flavor to it. 6/29 *Night of Champions*



Biggest Shocker

PUNK CASHES IN

After an unexpected *Raw* cameo, Edge hit the ring to run down Batista verbally, just one evening after their *Night of Champions* bout. The Animal didn't take kindly to the affront, dismantling Edge in a hurry and leaving his bones for the picking. Enter CM Punk and a certain briefcase. Cashing in his MITB shot, Punk nailed the GTS on Edge and shocked the WWE Universe by becoming the new World Heavyweight Champion! We hear Edge's slackened jaw is still on the floor. 6/30 *Raw*



Title changes that took place in the months of June and July.

Punk wins! Punk wins!



Seconds that Edge's cheating lips were locked on Alicia Fox.



Best Breakdown

EDGE CALLS OFF THE WEDDING

For any fan wishing Edge ill, it was satisfying to see the conniving one melt down after losing his World title to CM Punk. His lambasting of lackeys Ryder & Hawkins was pretty sweet, but Vickie's reaction to the wedding's cancellation was priceless. It couldn't have happened to a nicer couple. Now we can get a refund for that Bed Bath & Beyond wedding gift. 7/4 **SmackDown**

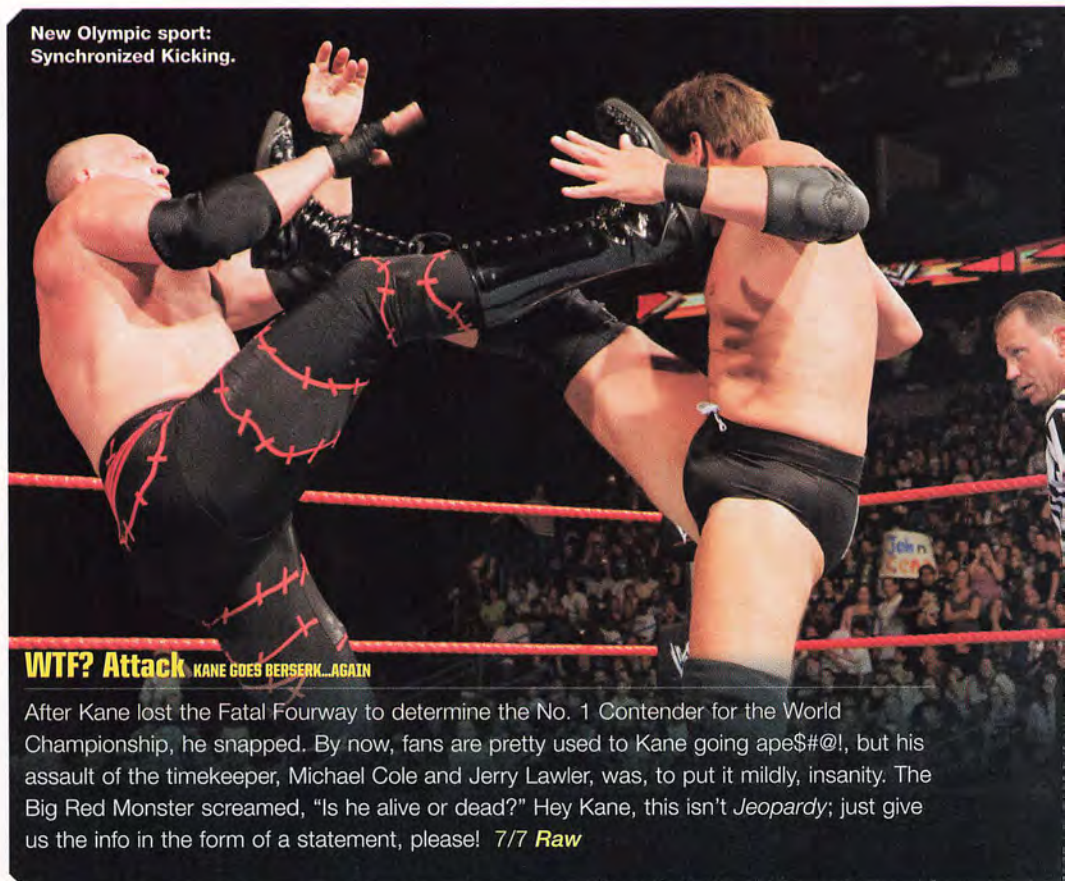
Cena: 1.
"The Game": 1.



Match of the Month JOHN CENA VS. TRIPLE H

There's no love lost between the King of Kings and the Chain Gang Solider. In a rematch two years in the making, John Cena and Triple H continued the feud that began at WM22. An instant classic, the two put on a bout worthy of "Match of the Year" honors. In the end, it was Triple H who notched the win, pinning Cena post-Pedigree. 6/29 **Night of Champions**

New Olympic sport:
Synchronized Kicking.



WTF? Attack KANE GOES BERSERK...AGAIN

After Kane lost the Fatal Fourway to determine the No. 1 Contender for the World Championship, he snapped. By now, fans are pretty used to Kane going ape\$#@!, but his assault of the timekeeper, Michael Cole and Jerry Lawler, was, to put it mildly, insanity. The Big Red Monster screamed, "Is he alive or dead?" Hey Kane, this isn't *Jeopardy*; just give us the info in the form of a statement, please! 7/7 **Raw**

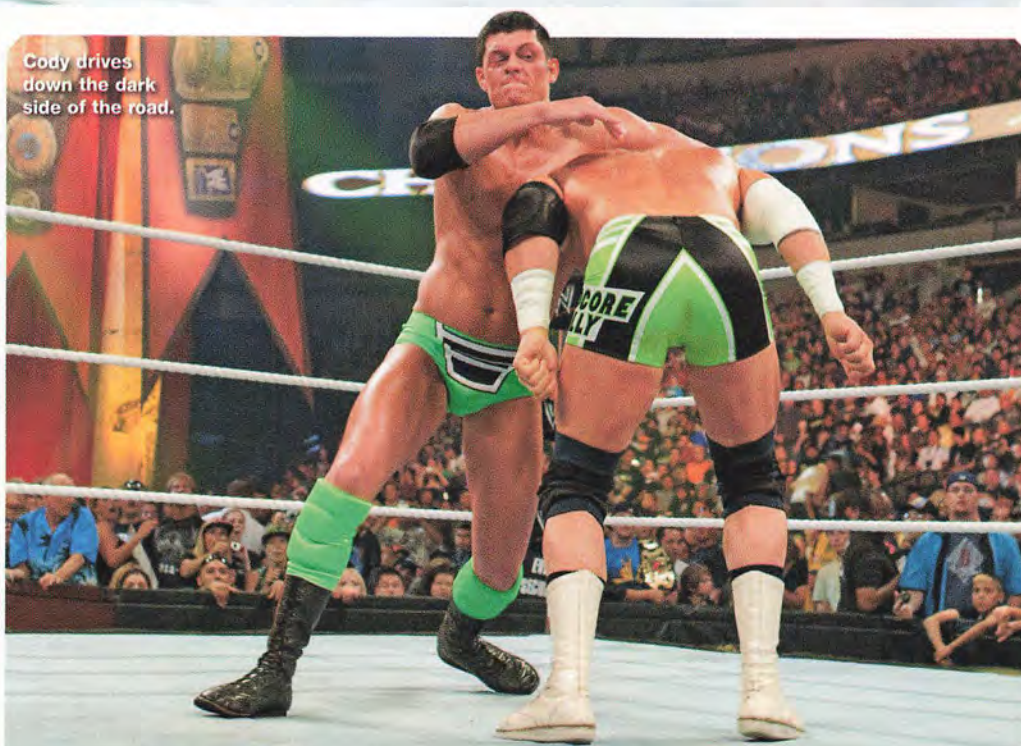


WWE's newest
"power" couple.

BEST NEW BUDDY

WORLD'S STRONGEST MANAGER

WWE HOF'er Tony Atlas made a surprise *ECW* appearance as guest announcer for the main event match between Tommy Dreamer and Mark Henry. After Colin Delaney interfered, Atlas attacked the rookie, aligning himself with Henry. Is this the missing element the World's Strongest Man needs to become the World's Most Unstoppable Champion? **7/8 *ECW***



Cody drives
down the dark
side of the road.

Messiest Break-Up

RHODES HAS A PRICE

For weeks, Ted DiBiase harangued World Tag Team Champs Cody Rhodes & Hardcore Holly, insisting that in his first match he and his mystery partner would take the titles. At *NOC* Rhodes attacked Holly, revealing himself to be the mystery man! Genius! **6/29 *Night of Champions***

THE SCOREBOARD

Every *Raw*, *SmackDown*,
ECW & PPV match result
from 6/29-7/23.

NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

6/29 AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER, DALLAS, TX

- John Morrison & The Miz @ Finlay & Hornswoggle
- Matt Hardy @ Chavo Guerrero
- Mark Henry @ Kane and Big Show to win the *ECW* title
- Ted DiBiase & Cody Rhodes @ Hardcore Holly to win the World Tag titles
- Kofi Kingston @ Chris Jericho to win the I-C title
- Mickie James @ Katie Lea Burchill
- Edge @ Batista
- Triple H @ John Cena

RAW

6/30 FORD CENTER, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

- CM Punk @ Edge to become World Heavyweight Champion
- Mickie James @ Jillian
- Cody Rhodes & Ted DiBiase @ Darren Wade & Steve Anthony
- Kofi Kingston @ Chris Jericho
- CM Punk @ JBL

7/7 NEW ORLEANS ARENA, NEW ORLEANS, LA

- Rey Mysterio @ Santino Marella
- Mickie James & Kelly Kelly @ Jillian & Layla
- CM Punk @ Snitsky
- Kofi Kingston @ Charlie Haas
- Batista @ John Cena, Kane and JBL

7/14 RBC CENTER, RALEIGH, NC

- Mickie James @ Katie Lea Burchill
- Kofi Kingston @ Paul Burchill
- Beth Phoenix @ Santino Marella
- CM Punk @ Kane (countout)
- Chris Jericho @ Paul London (submission)
- John Cena & Cryme Tyme @ JBL, Cody Rhodes & Ted DiBiase (DQ)

ECW

7/1 TULSA CONVENTION CENTER, TULSA, OK

- Matt Hardy, Finlay &

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Most Carnage

NYC PARKING LOT BRAWL

History was made when JBL and John Cena battled in the first-ever NYC Parking Lot Brawl. Cena gave JBL's 'nads a jumpstart, and JBL retaliated by setting a car on fire while Cena was in the backseat! Bradshaw eked out the duke, pinning Cena on the hood of a Ford. 7/20 *The Great American Bash*



When forklifts attack!



LEAST UPSETTING UPSET

BETH TOPPLES SANTINO

Hoping to bounce back from his defeat at the hands of "Rey Mastro," Santino Marella made an open challenge to anyone on the roster. Beth Phoenix answered the call, defeating and humiliating the chauvinistic Italian. Marella left the ring in shame, but still looking for love.

7/14 *Raw*



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Cars smashed during the NYC Parking Lot Brawl between JBL & John Cena at *The Great American Bash*.

Glam-azing win!



Best New Formation

CRYME TYME • CENA
= CTC

The feud between JBL & John Cena reignited on *Raw* and escalated when the self-proclaimed Wrestling God's security put its mitts on JC. Cena retaliated with help from JTG and Shad, who were tasked with demolishing JBL's limo. Smashing windows and mirrors, CTC gave the tycoon's ride a new signature paintjob that'll cost a lot of money, money to fix, fix! 7/7 *Raw*

THE GREAT AMERICAN BASH

7/20 NASSAU COLISEUM, UNIONDALE, NY

- Curt Hawkins & Zack Ryder won the Fatal Fourway Tag match to become the WWE Tag Champions
- Shelton Benjamin & Matt Hardy to win the U.S. title
- Chris Jericho & Shawn Michaels
- Mark Henry & Tommy Dreamer
- Michelle McCool & Natalya to win the Divas Championship
- CM Punk vs. Batista (Double DQ)
- JBL & John Cena in a NYC Parking Lot Brawl
- Triple H & Edge



Shawn Michaels: Blood donor.

Fluid ounces of blood HBK shed during his match against Chris Jericho at *The GAB*.

Bloodiest Brawl HBK GETS BUSTED OPEN

Chris Jericho took advantage of Shawn Michaels' ocular orbit injury at *The Bash*, quickly turning HBK into a pulpy mess. Y2J transformed into the Ayatollah of A-Hola by continuing to pummel the Showstopper until the ref stopped the match due to excessive blood loss. 7/20 *The Great American Bash*



Bacardi & Cole.

Best New Look THE BRIAN KENDRICK

As disappointed as we were to see London & Kendrick split up, we're looking forward to "The" Brian Kendrick's singles run. We're loving the new leopard-print duds, beard (of sorts) and bodyguard (Ezekiel)! Another change he should make? Calling his finisher the BK™ Stacker! 7/18 *SmackDown*

• SCORECARD CONT'D •

Hornswoggle & John Morrison, The Miz & Chavo Guerrero
• Ricky Ortiz & Armando Estrada
• Mark Henry & Colin Delaney

7/8 BATON ROUGE RIVER CENTER, BATON ROUGE, LA

- Finlay & The Miz
- Braden Walker & Armando Estrada
- Evan Bourne & Nunzio
- Mark Henry vs. Tommy Dreamer (double countout)

7/15 TIME WARNER CABLE ARENA, CHARLOTTE, NC

- Mike Knox & Shannon Moore
- Evan Bourne & Chavo Guerrero
- The Hardys & John Morrison & The Miz

SMACKDOWN

7/4 TULSA CONVENTION CENTER, TULSA, OK

- Michelle McCool won the Golden Dreams Match
- Jesse & Festus & Ryder & Hawkins
- Jeff Hardy & John Morrison
- Umaga & Funaki
- Matt Hardy & Chavo Guerrero, Shelton Benjamin and Mr. Kennedy

7/11 BATON ROUGE RIVER CENTER, BATON ROUGE, LA

- Shelton Benjamin & Matt Hardy
- Mr. Kennedy & Domino
- Finlay & Hornswoggle & The Miz & John Morrison
- Triple H & Chavo Guerrero
- Natalya & Maryse & Michelle McCool & Cherry
- Jesse & Festus & Curt Hawkins & Zack Ryder
- Vladimir Kozlov & Stevie Richards
- Edge vs. Big Show (No Contest)

7/18 TIME WARNER CABLE ARENA, CHARLOTTE, NC

- Zack Ryder & Curt Hawkins & Finlay & Hornswoggle
- Big Show vs. The Great Khali, Vladimir Kozlov, MVP & Shelton Benjamin (No Contest, Handicap match)
- Natalya & Cherry
- The Brian Kendrick & Jimmy Wang Yang
- Umaga & Mr. Kennedy
- John Morrison & The Miz & Jesse & Festus
- Matt Hardy vs. Jeff Hardy (No Contest)

NEVER SAY DIE!

Matt Hardy hits his 10-year mark in WWE, and drops some knowledge about that first night in the ring, his desire to battle **Shawn Michaels**, and his one career regret.

Although you and Jeff were introduced first as "enhancement talent," the Hardys' official debut was on an episode of *Heat* in September 1998. What do you remember from that night?

I remember we were heading to the ring, and one of the fans recognized us because we'd been used as extra talent, and yelled, "Hey, Hardy losers! Who's beating you tonight?" Then we got in the ring and had our match, and we actually won with our old finisher, the Event Omega. It was one of those cool moments when we thought, "It looks like WWE is going to do something with us."

Did it feel like a real debut?

In some ways it did; we were actually being taken seriously. But it wasn't very far from what we'd done previously. It's just that there was a different outcome. Usually in a debut, a Superstar will have a lot of buildup; we didn't have that.

In your veteran opinion, what's changed the most about WWE since those days?

So much has changed. For one thing, there's more pressure for new guys to perform because the standard has gotten so high. I don't think the pressure was as tough back in our day. And as far as changes go, I think the veterans are a lot more willing to help the rookies.

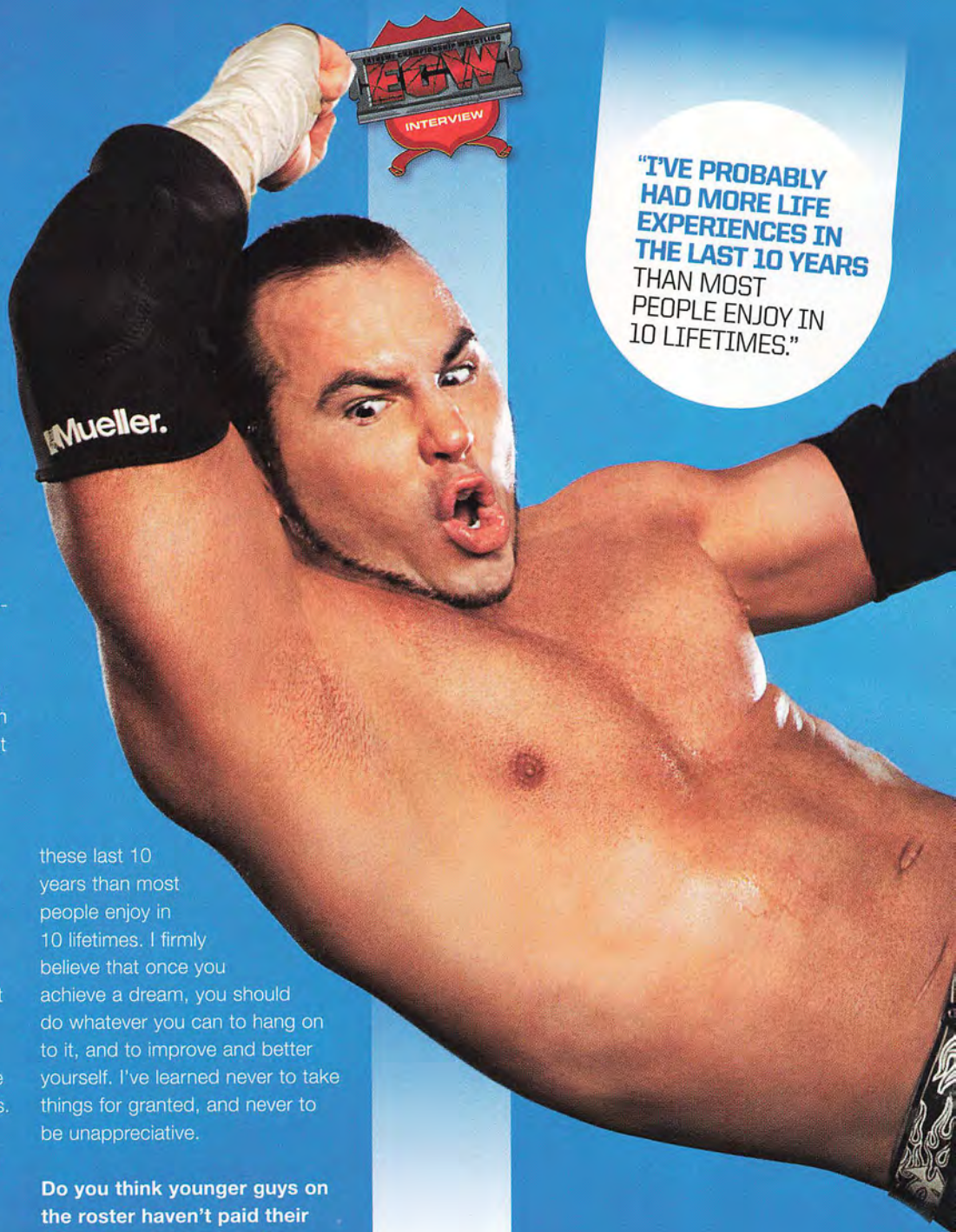
How has Matt Hardy changed in the past 10 years?

I've grown up in WWE, as weird as that sounds. And I've probably had more life experiences in

these last 10 years than most people enjoy in 10 lifetimes. I firmly believe that once you achieve a dream, you should do whatever you can to hang on to it, and to improve and better yourself. I've learned never to take things for granted, and never to be unappreciative.

Do you think younger guys on the roster haven't paid their dues the way you have?

It depends. Some guys still work



"I'VE PROBABLY HAD MORE LIFE EXPERIENCES IN THE LAST 10 YEARS THAN MOST PEOPLE ENJOY IN 10 LIFETIMES."

years in the indies to earn a spot in WWE. But nowadays, there's a smaller amount of talent there. Guys look athletic and have ability, and WWE will scoop them up and drop a load of money in a developmental deal. Those guys don't have to work anywhere near as hard as Jeff and I did. We were just scratching and clawing at any opportunity; we really weren't guaranteed anything.

In hindsight, is there anything you regret from your early years?

I wouldn't really change a lot. Now that I'm getting older, I might not have done the legdrop

off the top rope every night. After nine years of performing that move, my hips are starting to bother me. Had I been smarter, I would have been more selective in doing that move.

Who's the one Superstar on the roster you still haven't had a chance to battle?

I think Shawn Michaels and I could have a great rivalry. We've had some interaction in a few tag matches, and we've been tag team partners, but we've never faced off in a one-on-one singles match.

Now that you've found success on your own,

SLAPS HAND ON THIGH TO TUNE UP THE BAND.

DISASTER ROUND

Your entrance music says you can slap a tornado. Any thoughts on these natural disaster-inspired Superstars?

TEXAS TORNADO?

I remember Mr. Perfect doing a 720° spin when hit with a tornado punch.

THE HURRICANE?

An a-hole, but I love him to death.

EARTHQUAKE?

He squashed Damien!

TYPHOON?

He tripped through the wall as Shockmaster.



is a future tag title run for the Hardys out of the question?

We've held the World Tag Team Championship six times, and it's going to come off as arrogant, but right now there is no team in WWE that's in our class.

No tag team has ever split up where both members won the "big one." Could the Hardys make history?

It's very much within the realm of possibility. We could become the WWE and World Heavyweight Champions. Historically, tag teams always have one standout member, and it's been a personal goal for both Jeff and me to become the WWE or World Heavyweight Champion.

Let's say Mr. McMahon guaranteed you a chance at the WWE Championship, but only if you sabotage Jeff. What do you do?

Sabotage him. It's one of those times when you have to separate your personal and professional lives. Sometimes you run into sticky situations, but if it's a good business move for Matt Hardy, then I'd do it. Professionally, does it piss people off? Yeah. Personally, does it suck that you did it? Yeah.

Is there a final count on all of your old Matt-Facts?

I don't have an exact tally, but if you visit my MySpace page there are a ton of them.

Could you please give us a never-published Matt-Fact for readers?

"Matt likes adding Crystal Light Fruit Punch to his water." ☪

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Another unknown Matt-Fact: "Matt hates parachutes."






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This month in sports-entertainment*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 NO MERCY PORTLAND, OR 4:45 PM 5	 RAW SEATTLE, WA 5:30 PM 6	 SMACKDOWN/ECW SPOKANE, WA 6:45 PM 7	 7 YEARS AGO TODAY, STONE COLD DEFEATS KURT ANGLE FOR THE WWE CHAMPIONSHIP ON RAW. THIS WIN MARKED STONE COLD'S SIXTH AND FINAL REIGN. 8	 MYNETWORKTV AIRS AN HOUR OF WRESTLEMANIA XXIV AT 8 PM 9	 JOHN MORRISON'S BIRTHDAY—COME CELEBRATE AT THE PALACE OF WISDOM, IF YOU CAN FIND IT. SMACKDOWN/ECW DEBUTS ON MYNETWORKTV 8 PM 10	 RAW LIVE EVENT RENO, NV 7:30 PM TAZZ'S BIRTHDAY 11
 SMACKDOWN/ECW LIVE EVENT SAN BERNARDINO, CA 5 PM 12	 RAW ANAHEIM, CA 5:30 PM 13	 SMACKDOWN/ECW LAS VEGAS, NV 6:45 PM 14	 THE MIZ'S BIRTHDAY— HOPE HE GETS A NEW HAT. 15	 RAW LIVE EVENT ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO 8 PM SMACKDOWN/ECW LIVE EVENT MONTERREY, MEXICO 8:30 PM 16	 RAW LIVE EVENT PONCE, PUERTO RICO 8 PM SMACKDOWN/ECW LIVE EVENT AQUASCALIENTES, MEXICO 8:30 PM 17	 RAW LIVE EVENT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO 8 PM SMACKDOWN/ECW LIVE EVENT MEXICO CITY, MEXICO 8 PM 18
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LIVE!

FANTASY WARFARE

ALL-AMERICAN
MAYHEM!!

If these highly decorated Superstars were to go steel-toe-to-rubber-toe, who would end up red, white and bruised? Ten-hut!!!

A STAR-
SPANGLED
SMACKDOWN!

VS.

FOR ONE NIGHT
ONLY!

— JOHN CENA —

Chain Gang Solidier

John Cena has used his ground-and-pound technique to pummel some of WWE's biggest names, from The Great Khali, in a Pinfalls Count Anywhere match, to Edge, in a TLC match. There's no weak link in this Chain Gang Solidier.

"The Champ" Is Here To Stay

Cena has hoarded gold as a three-time WWE and U.S. Champ, and one-time World Tag Champ. His reign as WWE Champion was the sixth-longest ever, all but clinching a future Hall of Fame nod.

Ring General

Returning early from a torn pectoral injury that would have shelved most mortal men, Cena shocked the world by winning this year's Royal Rumble. With resilience like that, could his next championship be far off?

John of All Trades

Not since The Rock has a WWE Superstar made such an impact outside of the ropes. Cena has enjoyed success across all media—TV, film, music—which makes him, about the most bankable grappler in sports-entertainment history.

— SGT. SLAUGHTER —

Heavy Ordnance

Early on in his career, fans were turned off by the Sarge's disciplinary ways. Then Slaughter went to war against the Iron Sheik, and spearheaded a cause every warm-blooded American could get behind.

Mettle of Honor

A decorated WWE Hall of Famer, Slaughter counts the AWA American and U.S. Championships among his many accolades. But the Sarge's greatest win was taking the WWE Championship by overcoming the "destrucity" of the Ultimate Warrior at the '91 Royal Rumble.

...And That's An Order!

As WWE's Commissioner in 1997, Slaughter literally ran the biz like a drill sergeant, knocking heads with the likes of Triple H and a rising rebel by the name of Stone Cold Steve Austin. With Sarge in charge during the Attitude Era, no one was at ease.

Yo, Joe!

In 1985, Slaughter was immortalized as a character on the G.I. Joe animated series. The guy took on Cobra. Now that's badass!

TALE
OF THE
TAPE

FINAL
ANALYSIS

Both men are known for their smashmouth fighting styles, so this confrontation would be nothing short of a slugfest. Slaughter boasts years of experience beyond his opponent, but Cena is the definition of a big-time fighter. We envision Slaughter slapping the Cobra Clutch on The Champ, only to see Cena muscle his way out of the submission hold and end the proceedings with an STFU. **Winner: John Cena**

THE RUNNERS UP

What if these two American heroes teamed up against these tag greats? A great American bashing!



IRON SHEIK & NIKOLAI VOLKOFF

We know Sheik & Volkoff are WWE Hall of Famers, but nothing can slow the inexorable force of democracy! U.S.A. all the way, baby.



THE HART FOUNDATION

This U.S. vs. Canada bout would be a toss-up; however, we'd give the edge to the pink-and-black over the red, white and blue in a two-out-of-three falls match.



AMERICAN MALES

Is it cruel that we'd pay good money to see Riggs & Bagwell get a sound beating by the former WWE Champions?

GUESS THE MATCH

In this fan-sanctioned bout, the victor notched the win with an assist from his little Afroed friend. Who is the masked menace? Whom did he torment? If you correctly name the participants in this contest and the PPV at which they did battle, you'll automatically be entered to win the autographed T-shirt worn by Natalya on page 15 of this issue.

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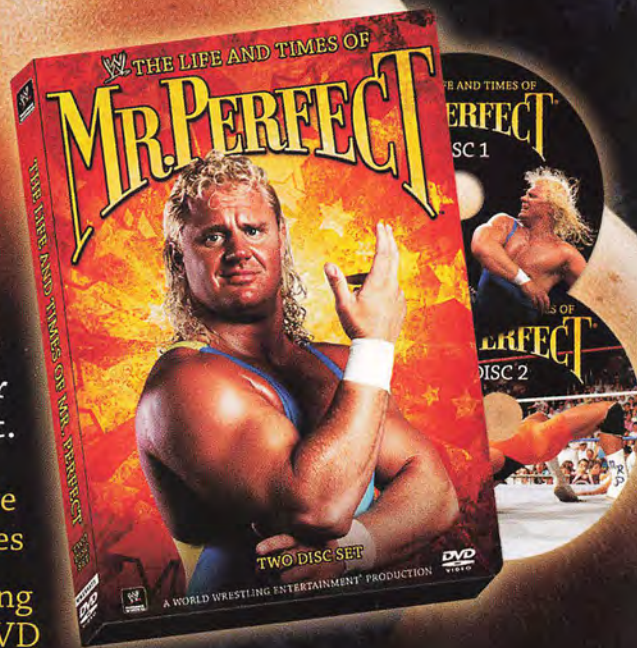
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SUMMERSLAM 1991**

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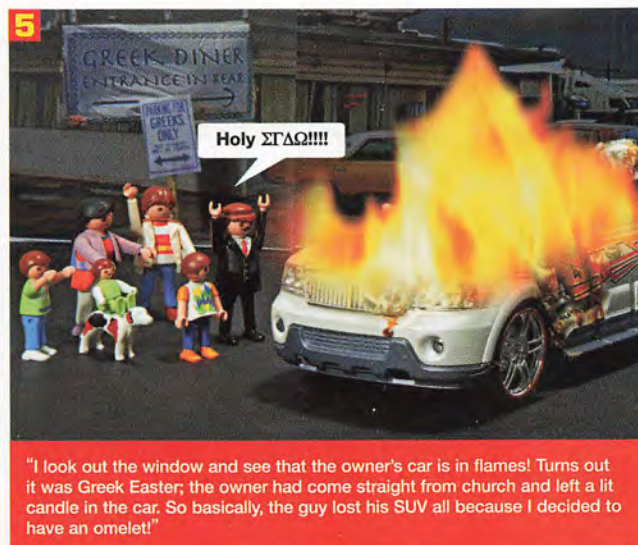
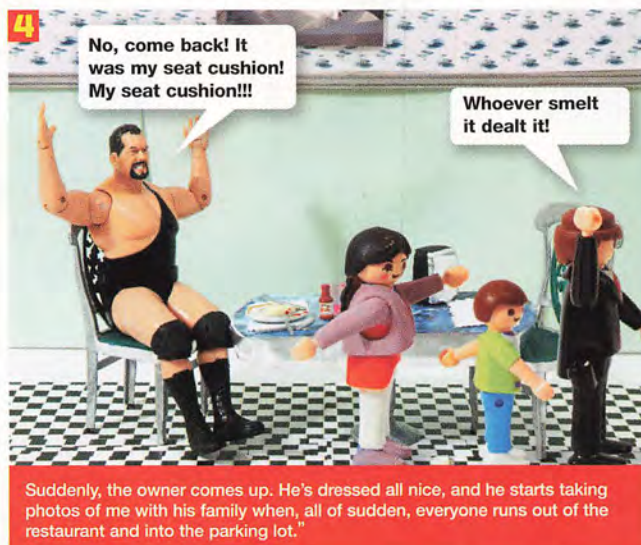
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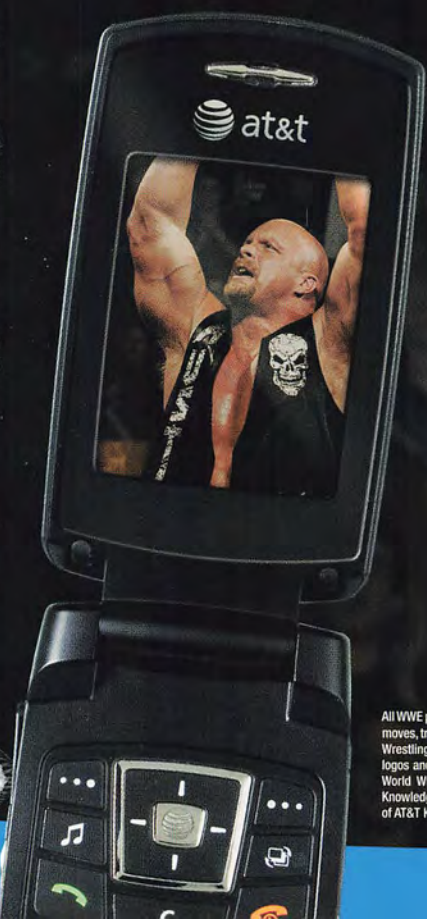
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